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OUTLINES.

At San Francisco Stanley Ketchel made short work of Mike (Twin) Sullivan, knocking him out in one minute and 1-8 second; they were to have gone 25 rounds; Ketche was a 2 to 1 favorite in the betting——In the House of Representatives Mr. Heflin of Alabama offered an amendment to the Columbia Street Railway trackage bill, providing for Jim Crow cars and precipitated a lively debate; the amendment was lost by a vote of 140 to 59——Quincy A. Shaw, Jr., won the national amateur racquet championship by defeating Percy D. Haughton, three games out of five——The Senate committee on finance had under consideration the railroad bond feature of the Aldrich bill——Right Rev. Henry Satterlee, D. D., for 12 years Bishop of Washington, died yesterday of pneumonia, which followed an attack of the grip——While making an effort to escape arrest Frank Ides, a desperate character, who has escaped from prison several times,was shot and killed by a policeman——The remains of Crosby S. Noyes, editor of the Washington Evening Star, who died in Pasadena, are on their way to Washington, where the funeral will probably be held on Saturday next ——At a conference of the Independence League in Chicago steps were taken for the formation of a new National political party; Mr. Hearst made a speech and a platform was adopted; a national convention will be held, following those of the Democrats and Republicans——Washington's Birthday was generally celebrated in all parts of the country; Alexandria, Va., had the biggest demonstration in its history; a wreath was placed on the Washington tomb at Mt. Vernon; at Washington University Senator Burkett of Nebraska delivered an address; in London the local section of the American Navy League had a banquet and speech making—— At Otterville, Mo., an attempt was made to wreck a passenger train supposed to have aboard a large sum of money, by the removal of a rail; a special freight came first and was badly wrecked, the engineer, fireman and brakeman being seriously injured ——The Oklahoma Democratic State convention instructed its delegates to the National convention for Bryan—— A fire in New York drove hundreds of people from their homes and did $300,000 damage to property.

Look out for all sorts of confusion and much trouble in taking the next census. It's the thirteenth, you know.

The Mayor of Pottstown, Pa., is right. Churches should have fire escapes. That's what they are built for.

If animals can really and truly think we know what the G. O. P. elephant thinks of the Republican situation.

By-the-way, answer quick without stopping to think—How many Republicans are running for the Republican nomination?

Chicago is real proud because she has sent a politician to jail. If she keeps him there congratulations will be in order.

Senator Davis of Arkansas, continues to complain that he is misunderstood. In the future he could guard against this by keeping quiet.

There are those who believe the Chaplain of the House could confine his prayers to the members of that body and keep reasonably busy.

The Virginia Legislature has a bill before it to prevent the sale of liquor on Christmas. If they would include fireworks, the bill might stand a fair show to pass.

If the New York-Paris automobiles can plough through the blizzards and snow drifts they have encountered in the Middle West, Alaska and Siberia should look like lovely ballroom floors to them.

Governor Wilson, of Kentucky, promised "to use all the power at his command" to put down the lawlessness of the Night Riders. It is evident that "the power at his command" is very limited.

The postmaster who isn't working for Taft, had better get a move on; but then, come to think of it, soon after the next election there will be another man "on the job." So it don't matter so very much.

It is said that Congress is literally snowed under with petitions asking it to pass a law compelling the restoration of the motto, "In God We Trust" on the coins of the country. We venture the assertion that none came from Wall Street.

In England when a fellow is fined and don't pay he goes to prison. In this country he generally goes to England, if he is rich enough. The Paris newspaper that recently remarked to the effect that we only build our jails and prisons for the poor, was not far from right.

GOVERNOR IN WRECK

Had to "Foot" it Four Miles Back to Raleigh Early Yesterday Morning.

ON HIS WAY OUT TO SPEAK

A. & M. Fraternity Banquet—North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati—Grand Lodge Masonic Temple.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 22.—Governor Glenn was in a wreck this morning on the Raleigh & Southport Railroad and was obliged to walk four miles from the scene of the wreck back to to Raleigh. He was on his way to Holly Springs, this county, to deliver the principal address for the presentation of Bible and flags by the Junior Order, United American Mechanics, to the public schools of Holly Springs and had left Raleigh on an early morning train.

At a point near the four mile post from Raleigh the rails seem to have spread, causing the freight cars, constituting the front section of the train to leave the track which was torn up quite a distance and lumber and fertilizer, the principal freight, was piled around in every direction. Fortunately the rear passenger coach occupied by the Governor, did not leave the track. All passengers were considerably shaken up but no one was injured. It was clearly evident that travel was tied up for the day, so Governor Glenn and Mr. Cary J. Hunter "footed it" back to Raleigh and the Governor spent the day in the executive office catching up with his correspondence and other office routine.

The Governor leaves Monday for Rockingham county to open his campaign work for the State prohibition election. He speaks at Wentworth Tuesday afternoon and at Reidsville Tuesday night. He says it was in Rockingham, his native county, that he began his first political campaign and a bit of sentiment makes it especially gratifying for him to start his campaign for State prohibition there also.

The Beta Upsilon Chapter, A. & M. College, of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, held its annual banquet last night, there being 20 present with D. Y. Hagan as toastmaster. Among the responses were: "Our Anniversary," E. C. Culbreth, '04; "Kappa Sigma," P. D. Gold; "Our College," L. H. Couch, '08; Beta Epsilon," J. M. Council, '09; "Kappa Sigma Girl," R. R. Faison, '09; "The Future," C. D. Brothers, '09; "Our Absent Brothers," K. C. Council, '09.

The State offices were closed most of today in observance of Washington's birthday.

The annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of Cincinnati is being held in Raleigh, the only business of special interest being the selection of delegates from North Caro' na to the general meeting to be held at Charleston April 8th.

There was an informal conference here today between Grand Master S. M. Gattis, of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons, and Major S. H. Smith, of Winston-Salem, J. D. Elliott, Hickory; Grand Secretary John C. Drewry, and others of the Grand Lodge temple building committee with reference to the progress of work on the Grand Lodge Temple in course of construction here. It was decided to have a general meeting of the full building committee next Thursday for taking steps to greatly increase the volume of work on the Temple with a view to completing the structure by June of the coming Summer.

A series of institutes for demonstrating the pruning and spraying and general care of fruit trees has just been concluded under the auspices of the State Department of Agriculture, institutes having been held in Stokes, Surry, Allegheny, Caldwell, Watauga, Henderson, Haywood, Jackson, and Swain counties. State Horticulturalist Hutt and Assistant Horticulturalist Shaw and State Entomologist Sherman and Assistant Clapp took part in the demonstrations which were well attended in all the counties. They report a great quickening of interest in improved methods of caring for orchards.

The Seaboard Air Line has petitioned the Corporation Commission to be allowed to discontinue the Raleigh and Weldon "Shoo-Fly" train which for a number of years enabled people north of Raleigh to spend the day at the State capital returning home in the afternoon. Reports filed with the petition show that the train has been a losing proposition the past three months. Raleigh business interests will strenuously oppose taking off the train.

According to a letter just issued to various labor unions of the State by President John T. Miller, of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, the Union, as a State organization will have no candidates in the field for any office during the approaching political campaign, nor will the Federation endorse any candidate. The letter further declares that the State Federation will not authorize any Union affiliated to put out any candidate or endorse any candidate and any letters that may be issued purporting to do any of these things is without authority of the State Federation.

NEW BILL AT THE CRYSTAL.

Fine Offering of Polite Vaudeville at This Popular Theatre.

The beginning of the new week at the Crystal Palace will witness an entire change of programme and the addition of several high-class vaudeville artists at this popular theatre, which last night concluded the most successful week in its history. Afternoons and nights in spite of the weather, standing room only was the order at nearly every performance and the management is encouraged to do even more to meet the requirements of a most generous public.

The new faces to be seen this week will be Tom Carlton, a knockabout comedian; the Tianita Midgets, the only midget musicians in the world; The Harrison Trio, featuring the Toy Comedian, in a new musical melange; Schubert's Serenade by the Orchestra, and an excruciatingly funny one-act farce comedy entitled "Too Much Married." The Tianita Midgets are a real novelty on the boards of vaudeville houses in the South, and will be a big feature this week at the Crystal. As vocalists and cornet soloists, they are said to have no equals in the country today.

It costs good money to maintain a programme like that this week at the Crystal Palace but the public is beginning to show an appreciation of something that is meritorious and no pains or expense is being spared in giving the public the very best. It is popular now to meet your friends at the Crystal. It will be even more popular to do so this week for everybody will be there.

THE POLICE COURT.

Negro Woman Stole Ham and Was Bound Over—Other Cases.

Ella Jenkins, a young colored woman, was the most interesting defendant before the Mayor yesterday. She was caught in the act of stealing a ham from the market stall of Mr. Cumber at Fourth street Market Friday afternoon by Mr. S. O. Frink, who detained her until Officer C. E. Wood could reach the scene. The evidence was conclusive at the trial yesterday and the woman was held for the higher court under bond of $50.

Robert Hankins, a small colored boy arrested for disorderly conduct by Officer W. R. Appleberry, couldn't pay a fine and seemed peculiarly qualified as a water boy at the convict camp. The Mayor hesitated to send him there anyway and suggested that his parents thrash him. Then it was found that he had no parents and no near kin in Wilmington. The boy was about to go to the roads anyway but he specially requested that some one else do the flogging in order to escape the roads and Officer C. E. Wood was appointed Lord High Executioner and he tanned the boy good down in the basement after the court was over.

Several defendants were charged with vagrancy but quite all of them made arrangements as to employment and escaped sentences to the road and farm.

THE COTTON GROWERS

Wilmington Should be Moving to Secure the Great Meeting.

A day or two ago it was announced in the Associated Press dispatches to this and other papers that the Southern Cotton Growers' Association in session at Dallas, Texas, was very favorably inclined towards Wilmington as the place of the next semi-annual meeting in August. This city should at once take steps to bring this great gathering here. Besides the fact that the port is fourth in cotton receipts in the world, the Charlotte Chronicle editorially gives the following additional reasons why it would be especially fitting for this splendid organization of the cotton growers of the South to meet here. Says the Chronicle.

"It is gratifying to know that Wilmington stands a chance to secure the next meeting of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association, which will be held in August. The beach hotels would be the very thing for the gathering and the members of the association would find themselves in one of the most hospitable communities in the South. It is to be earnestly hoped that the executive committee will decide on Wilmington.'

K. of C. to Charleston, S. C.

A delegation of Wilmington members of the Knights of Columbus left yesterday afternoon for Charleston, S. C., where they will take part in a big ceremonial by the Charleston council this afternoon and tonight. In the party were Dr. T. B. Carroll, Messrs. John H. Niggel, Jr., Bennie Jones, E. F. Peschau, R. C. Banks, Joseph Quinlivan and John J. Sheehan. They expect to return to the city on Monday.

Woodus Kellum, Esq., the Speaker.

At the men's meeting at the Boys' Brigade armory this afternoon at 5 o'clock the speaker will be Woodus Kellum, Esq., a leading young member of the Wilmington bar. He will have for his subject, "Opportunities." Next Sunday afternoon the series of meetings will be concluded with a mixed meeting which will be addressed by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Cars to the Beach.

Today cars to the Beach every half half hour from 2 to 6 P. M. **

THE PEACE SOCIETY

Notable Conference to Be Held at The County Court House Tomorrow.

MANY INVITATIONS ISSUED

President Hayne Davis Will Speak of Work of Second Hague Conference—Advanced Ground by N. C. Society.

Invitations were issued yesterday by the North Carolina Peace Society for a conference to be held at the Court House tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock to hear an informal and intimate account of the Second Hague Conference by Mr. Hayne Davis, who will also speak of the part Southern statesmen are playing in world politics.

Mr. J. Allen Taylor, president of the Chamber of Commerce, will preside at the meeting and both ladies and gentlemen are expected to be present as a large number of invitations have been sent out to the more prominent people of the city and an especial invitation has been given the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames and Cape Fear Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, to be present. The meeting is to get the interest of the community at large in the forthcoming peace congress to be held in this State about which so much has been said and written. The place of this meeting will be decided a little later by the executive committee of the North Carolina Society which is composed of President Hayne Davis; Secretary and Treasurer Thos. H. Wright, Prof. F. S. Blair, of Guilford College; Mr. James H. Southgate, of Durham, and Mr. Herbert W. Jackson, of Raleigh. It is proposed to have the congress here, the birthplace of the society, if sufficient interest is manifested by the general public. The congress will bring a very large number of distinguished men from all parts of the United States and the meeting will be a notabl one. Upon the interest manifested in the conference Monday afternoon will largely depend whether or not Wilmington will entertain the congress.

Mr. Davis spent the entire summer at The Hague, and was in intimate association with the leading members of the Conference.

General Horace Porter, one of the American delegates, said recently that Mr. Davis' account of The Hague Conference entitled "The Second Peace Conference at The Hague" was the first light on the subject to break through the general misconception prevalent in America.

Hon. Richard Bartholdt, the member of Congress who made the motion for the second Hague Conference, recently said that "Mr. Davis has done as much if not more for the cause of peace and arbitration in this country and elsewhere than any other man."

Mr. Davis is a grandson of Judge Richmond Pearson and a graduate of the University of North Carolina, and is now practicing law in New York City.

It was hoped to have Senator Lee S. Overman and Hon. Richmond Pearson Hobson here for the conference tomorrow afternoon and invitations were sent to them by telegraph by Mr. Davis yesterday morning. Senator Overman replied that his Congressional duties in Washington forbade his attendance, much to his regret, and Mr. Hobson telegraphed: "Very sorry, have engagement in Pennsylvania. Express my appreciation for invitation and good wishes for Peace movement."

In addition to the people of Wilmington, it is also hoped to have for the conference tomorrow afternoon Maj. Schumm, commanding, and several of the officers from Fort Caswell, who have promised Mr. Davis to be present. In speaking of the North Carolina Peace Society and its relation to the general peace movement, Mr. Davis says:

"The North Carolina Peace Society is the first Peace Society to declare for adequate armament and for effective arbitration. Some Peace societies oppose making preparations for war, some forbid the discussion of armaments in their meetings, others allow freedom of speech, but none has heretofore declared for armament as well as arbitration. Our North Carolina Society is unique in this respect and can count on exerting a correspondingly greater influence. There is absolute unanimity on this subject among our officers.

"Major Schumm, of the United States Army, will attend our meeting Monday and eminent members of the State militia are accepting official positions in our Society.

"The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce has made a new record. Other Chambers have sent delegates to a conference, or passed resolutions for arbitration or for armament, or have made appropriation, but no Chamber has heretofore passed resolutions for arbitration and armament, nor has any Chamber at the same time sent delegates to and made an appropriation in aid of a Peace Society celebration. The reason is obvious. No Peace Society has heretofore adopted a programme broad enough to warrant such action.

"Members of the Colonial Dames and United Daughters of the Confederacy are especially invited to the meeting Monday as their aims are so nearly the same as ours, and also the Elks, as they so kindly assisted at the formation of the society.

"All who are interested in the proper protection of the Nation today and its progress towards better things will be welcome."

WILMINGTON WATERWAY.

Much Interest in Gateway Project Over the State.

There is increasing interest here and in all parts of the State in the matter of inducing the government to provide a 30-foot depth of water between Wilmington and the sea, thereby giving this city and all contiguous territory in North Carolina the advantage of gateway freight rates.

The matter has been most energetically pushed in Congress by Senator Overman and Congressman Godwin and success has been attained to the extent that Senator Overman has had passed by the Senate a joint resolution providing for a survey of the proposed improvement. It now remains only for the bill to be passed by the House and the first step in this great movement will have been taken. It is interesting to read in this conection the following from the Washington correspondence of yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer.

"While it is the purpose of this Congress to pass as little legislation as possible, it is the deire of Senator Overman to secure, if possible, the enactment of the bill securing a survey of the harbor at Wilmington with the object of securing a thirty-foot depth between Wilmington and the ocean. The Junior Senator has already secured the passage of this measure through the Senate, and if any leverage can be employed to secure its enactment as a law during the final days of the session he will take advantage of it. No more important measure so far as North Carolina is concerned is pending before Congress. Congressman Godwin is equally as much interested in the project, and no stone will be left unturned to secure for it favorable action. The lower Cape Fear undertaking has many friends here, and if it were not for the fact that this is a Presidential year there would be no doubt as to the passage of the measure."

MEN'S MEETING TODAY

Novel Religious Gathering in Bijou Theatre at 5 O'clock.

The indications are that a very large audience will this afternoon attend the meeting for men at 5 o'clock under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. in the Bijou, on North Front street, Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, will be the speaker and he will have for his subject "The Life of Moses." This will be illustrated with numerous stereopticon views from original paintings and the music will be enhanced with colored slides for both the solo and chorus work. All men are invited. The admission will be by ticket, but these will be furnished free of cost and may be obtained either from the office of the Secretary at the Y. M. C. A. or from a number of convenient places downstairs. All men are most cordially invited.

A. C. L. Freight Wreck.

Yesterday afternoon's Fayetteville Observer says: "About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon as the freight from Wilmington was approaching Fayetteville, one of the trucks of the rear car —the caboose— broke, just before reaching the trestle over Lock's Creek, half a mile from the Cape Fear river bridge, and before the train could be brought to a standstill, the track was torn up, and the trestle for quite a distance partially wrecked. The conductor and flagman jumped just in time to save themselves, as the caboose turned over in the centre of the bridge. The local wrecking train was at once dispatched to the scene, but it was nearly 10 o'clock before the track was made ready for traffic. The train for Wilmington, due to leave here at 5 o'clock, did not reach Wilmington until 12:45 o'clock this morning."

Accepts Wilmington Pastorate.

The Jacksonville, Fla., Metropolis of Thursday afternoon announces that Judge J. A. Erwin, of that city, has accepted a call to the Christian Church, of Wilmington, N. C., succeeding Rev. F. L. Davis, who leaves for another field. The announcement is in connection with the resignation of Judge Erwin as president of the Duval County Prohibition League which has been waging a relentless warfare for a local option election in that city during the past several months. Judge Erwin is expected to reach here some time during the coming week. The petition calling for a prohibition election in Jacksonville it appears has failed.

Closed Their Engagement.

The Goodwins closed a very successful week at the Academy of Music with matinee yesterday afternoon and regular performance last night. Both were well attended, the matinee being especially large and pleasing to the great number of ladies and children who came out to see and hear the ever fascinating story of Cinderilla and the slipper. The night bill was a "Girl Bandit" and appealed especially to the galleries as is always sought on the occasion of a Saturday night production.

THE DAY WAS QUIET

Events of Observance of George Washington's Birthday in Wilmington Yesterday.

MANY PLACES WERE CLOSED

Tournament on Golf Links Attracted Many to Grounds—Salute by Cutter Seminole and Athletic Sports for Crew.

It did not require the display of National colors and miniature hatchets to remind the casual observer that yesterday was Washington's birthday. The observance in Wilmington was perhaps more noticeable than for a number of years past.

Falling on Saturday and finding the banks closed on the busiest day of the week, the holiday was rather forcibly brought to the attention of the average business man who had not taken the trouble to provide himself against the custom of closing for this event. Then the city and county offices were closed for the day and the same was true of many of the offices of the National government in Wilmington. At the postoffice holiday hours were observed and several less official places were closed for a part of the day.

All the shipping in the harbor was resplendent with National colors and at noon the United States Revenue Cutter Seminole, lying at the Custom House wharf, boomed forth a Presidential salute of twenty-one guns. The ship was not dressed in the usual fashion with the colors of the service on account of the wireless recently installed, interfering with the display of the colors from the masts of the ship, but the salute fired at noon was sufficient to show that the significance of the day was fully appreciated on board. Officers and crew generally observed the holiday and in the afternoon there was a series of athletic and aquatic sports for the men under the direction of Lieutenant Thos. W. Benham. The results are given below:

The day was notable for members of the Cape Fear Golf Club, many having gone out during the morning and remained until evening for the annual Washington's Birthday handicap tournament. This followed a match for gentlemen in the morning and luncheon at 1 o'clock. The very handsome silver loving cup was won a second time by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McMillen, the winners of last season, and the trophy becomes their permanent possession. There were a large number of entries and the play was watched with much interest by a great many spectators. The cup was formally presented to Mr. and Mrs. McMillen at the conclusion of the tournament.

The series of sports on board the Cutter, on the government wharf and in the river, was witnessed by a large number of guests of Capt. Quinan and his staff from the decks of the ship while many gathered along the fence at the enclosure of the wharf and manifested much interest in what was going on.

The first event was a competitive infantry drill and the first prize went to C. Krestensen; the second to N. Nicholaidis and the third to W. A. Skeen. In an amusing potato race, Skeen was again a winner and also took first money in an egg contest. The sack race, always a feature of such athletic meets, was won by Paulsen.

A pie eating contest was in two sections—one for white members of the crew and one for the colored. Peterson won the money and the pie for the whites and S. Green for the colored.

Two wrestling matches among members of the crew were quite interesting and developed some rather strong mat artists. These matches were refereed by Tommie Ryan. The first was a catch-as-catch-can match between Charlie Berg and P. Lusk for the best two out of three. Berg was the winner. The second match was between P. Paulson and G. Demetri. This resulted in a tie, neither having been able to throw the other the required number of times on account of one of the number being slightly injured.

A tug of war between the port and starboard watches was won by the port watch. Then came a three-legged race between several teams, the winners having been Koelenbeek and Krestensen. The port watch was again victorious over the starboard in a boat race over a course of a mile and a half. The evening's festivities came to a close with a boxing contest between colored pugilists, the winner being doubtful. Substantial cash prizes were offered for each event and the men seemed to greatly enjoy the sport.

—Hammie Blocker, colored, was given trial before Justice George Harriss on a multiplicity of charges brought by his wife, Annie Blocker. The defendant was represented by Walter P. Gafford, Esq., and was found not guilty of the charges. He was, however, held under bond of $50 to keep the peace toward his wife as she swore she was in fear of bodily harm at his hands.

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SIM'S REIGN OF TERROR.

Recently rather sensational matters came up in the House of Representatives, during the course of a debate on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriatoin bill and for a while the Capital City was "on the rack."

The House was in Committee of the Whole. Mr. Sims of Tennessee got the floor and said:

"Mr. Chairman, I want to speak for a few minutes on a matter that is not perhaps germane to the bill before the House, but I will not occupy much time. I will read only a part, and insert in the Record the rest, of an article which appears in this morning's Washington Post. Briefly stated, it gives an account of an assault and robebry of a white lady at 6 o'clock or thereabouts yesterday afternoon near the British embassy, or gardens of the British embassy, on Connecticut Avenue, one of the most fashionable, best lighted, and best protected avenues in the city of Washington.

"This is one of twenty-one of these robberies from the person that have taken place since the 25th of September. There is today virtually a reign of terror among all those white women who are compelled to go upon the streets of Washington at night unattended and unprotected. Matters are getting worse instead of better. I am informed, from what I regard as a reliable source, that there are more policemen in the District of Columbia than in any city of like population in the United States. In addition, there are the watchmen in the public parks and public grounds who have police powers. In addition, there is a regimental post of United States cavalrymen—"

Mr. Tawney, of Minnesota—"Will the gentleman permit an inquiry?"

Mr. Sims—"Certainly."

Mr. Tawney—"Is the gentleman's criticism to the effect that there is not a sufficient number of policemen, or is it because of inefficient administration?"

Mr. Sims—"I think the gentleman will gather from my remarks what is intended when I get through. Within telephone call is a regiment of soldiers at Fort Myer. At the navy yard a marine company is on guard. There seems to be enough armed protectors and preservers of the peace within telephone call to prevent anything that can be prevented by police protection, if efficient.

"Now, Mr. Chairman, I want to say that, having read these instances of robbery, I do not believe that it is possible to entirely prevent their occurrence with less than a policeman upon every block. They are not committed by professional pick-pockets. Those professionals rob you without letting you know it, and leave you, at least physically, without injury. These robberies are in every instance, so far by negroes, who begin the robbery by vicious assault upon the unprotected and unaccompanied white woman. Her purse is snatched. Murder has been committed since the 25th of September in one instance, but the victim was a man.

"Now, Mr. Chairman, what are we to do about it? An increase of 100 policemen might prevent some of these occurrences. I do not believe it possible that a hundred policemen can prevent all of them. A negro or a white man watching for an unprotected woman whose purse he may snatch is also watching to see that no policeman is within sight. The robbery is committed in an instant, and the culprit gets away, and there is no means of identifying him. The report of the major of police shows that there was an increase of 3,000 arrests in the District of Columbia for the last year reported. The report says that these were due to increase of population and vigilance of the police.

"Mr. Chairman, it is impossible to account for the increase of crime at that rate by increase of population. The population of the District of Columbia is not increasing at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, but crime is, and crime of this character is on the increase, and I will tell you the cause, and I will tell you the remedy.

"The cause is that there is coming to Washington City more and more of the very class of idle criminals who commit these crimes, and they are going to remain here as long as present conditions are here, and will increase. Why is it? These criminals are of a low order and not professionals. They are the hangers-around and frequenters of saloons, filled with the vile stuff that they can buy for 15, 20 or 25 cents a pint. As temperance legislation has closed the saloons in so many places throughout the States near Washington, this criminal element has flocked to Washington. A segregation of the saloons of the city of Washington accelerates instead of prevents these crimes. We cannot prevent it by an increase of police. The police, by increase of vigilance may prevent part of it, but if you want to stop the blood of helpless women from flowing in the District of Columbia, if you want to prevent the capital city of the United States being held up to the nation as being utterly unable to defend white women as early as 6 o'clock in the evening, close your $800 license saloons, and not one of these cases will occur."

The above is the official report as it appears in the Congressional Record, but it discloses nothing new. It tells of a state of things, much exaggerated of course, which exist in every large city in this country, or for that matter in any country.

It is not the result of open bar rooms, so much as it is the universal expression in acts, that crimes are inadequately punished and frequently not punished at all.

There seems to have grown up throughout the country a notion that crime is the result, first of ignorance and lack of intelligence and secondly that the benighted classes would probably be less harmless but for the fact that they drink bad whiskey and thereby have their evil passions aroused to the extent that they go out and commit crime.

If this notion were based on anything substantial the cure for such evils would be to give every inhabitant a college or university education.

But the fact remains; the worst crimes, many of them, are committed by not only educated, but wealthy and temperate persons.

There is no question but that low dens and dives where liquors are sold are common resorts of the ignorant and debased classes, but the average criminal, he who "lifts" your watch, relieves you of your pocketbook, cracks the bank safe or carries off the family silver, is a sober man. He is quick of wit; he has to be. He has a knowledge of the world and its ways and he is too "foxy" to meddle with "red liker." He knows it would interfere with his business. At least that is what Inspector Byrnes, the acknowledged authority on crime and criminals says. In the last edition of his book he said: "I never look for this class of crooks in the saloons, they don't drink, as a rule. I am more apt to find them in the vicinity of a church."

The fact is, criminals exist for reason that there are large numbers of persons of both sexes who rebel against that law of human life which requires that man must live by labor.

They refuse to work and endeavor to live by the labor, industry and thrift of others.

Thus it is that we will find criminals in every community. They constitute but a small part of the population, but their activity makes up for what they lack in numbers.

It can also be noted, and Mr. Byrnes vouches for this fact, that according to the financial condition and intellectual ability of the criminal his work will be gauged.

We expect what Washington really needs is a few more policemen.

DEAD LETTER OFFICE REFORM.

For many years there has been much complaint regarding the workings of the dead letter office at Washington.

The chief complaint has been against what has been considered the useless amount of red tape in use and the time required in its winding and unwinding.

Frequently has it required months for a letter from most any part of the country to reach the dead letter office and be returned to the sender.

It may be that the evil is about to be remedied, as a proposition is now before Congress which provides for branch, or sub-dead letter offices in all of the larger postoffices in the country.

The joint committee of both houses of Congress has reported favorably on the proposition and it is said to have a very fair chance of passing. but just what President Roosevelt and his followers may think or do is not known. It is known that these "new Federalists" would like to see the universe run from the big white building in Washington.

The Philadelphia Record discusses this subject and finds "gratifying evidences of the tendency toward decentralization of Government both in the country and Congress.

The Record says: "Why this business cannot be better attended to in the nearest of the great postoffices has never been explained. The simple answer is in the little-considered and less-resisted tendencies to centralization of government, until at last the evil has arrested the earnest concern of conservative legislators and statesmen.

"There are other departments of general administration to which the recommendation of this committee will apply as well as to the postoffice. While the Postoffice Department is crippled not merely in the dead letter system by the centralizing of its functions in Washington, investigation will show that others are suffering from the same malady. This should be an admonition for the New Federalists, who are constantly insisting, with President Roosevelt, upon the centralization of nearly all power in the National Government.

According to the bill now before Congress, as we understand it, these sub-divisions of the dead letter office would be no less under the control of the Federal government than are the present postoffices. They would subtract nothing from the expanding Federal power, but even if it did the change would be most welcome, as more in accord with the old American system of local self-government.

nine women
were one day talking

and something was said about the advertising campaign of Gowan's Pneumonia Cure. Eight of the women said they were using the preparation, and the ninth woman said she certainly would buy a bottle right away. They all agreed that it was the best household remedy they ever saw and the eighth woman insisted that they would not be without it.

The praise is universal. Those who know nothing of the virtues of the remedy may doubt—but where once used it is always used, and our best and most effective advertisements are those who voluntarily tell their friends about the cure. If you are in doubt, try a bottle and if you are disappointed the druggists will cheerfully refund your money. This puts it up to you.

STOCK GAMBLING.

The movement against stock gambling is one which is destined to grow stronger until what has grown to be a national evil has been suppressed.

The panic last year, in a time of great prosperity and profound peace and the most hopeful outlook, has been laid at the door of Wall Street stock-gambling and the mania of those who hope to reap where they have never sown.

"Gambling", said Bryan, in his recent Carnegie Hall address, "is one of the worst of vices, and gambling in stocks and farm products in the most destructive form in which the vice appears. Measured by the number of suicides caused by the New York Stock Exchange Monte Carlo is an innocent pleasure resort by comparison. Measured by the amount of money changing hands the contrast it still greater in favor of Monte Carlo; and measured by the influence upon those who do not gamble the evils of Monte Carlo are insignificant when compared with the evils of New York's commercial gambling houses. The New York Stock Exchange has graduated more embezzlers than Fagin's school did thieves."

No one will question the right of men to trade and to buy and sell, but there is a legitimate trading; buying and selling that is necessary for the purposes of commerce and the well-being of the race and there is the kind that should be made illegitimate, because it is nothing, if not gambling of the rankest kind.

The amount of forethought, planning, worry and work that is expended on the floors of the various stock exchanges of this country would, if expended on producing enterprises very materially advance the wealth and prosperity of the country and the happiness of its people would be incalculably inclosed.

WAR BREWING.

The Washington correspondent of the Charlotte Observer has this to say of the Prohibition Force Bill to be voted on May 26:

"Those who believe that North Carolina is to have State prohibition without a fight at the polls will have their minds disabused. There is a determination in the minds of independent North Carolinans to protest to the bitter end the taking away of their rights and privileges. Every day brings fresh news of a brewing war in the Old North State. Local option satisfied a majority of the people but it is doubtful if they will stand for a State law. Although several Tar Heel Congressment have spent much time in North Carlina recently, they will be in Washington when the prohibition fight comes on."

THE WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION

The March number of the Woman's Home Companion again captures public notice with its charming picture of a Japanese girl—one of the daintiest magazine covers that has appeared in years. This issue is the Spring Fashion number, and for it Grace Margaret Gould, the fashion editor, has prepared many delightful pages, illustrating in detail the advance spring styles. It may be obtained at newsstands or of the publishers, The Crowell Publishing House.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Mr. Hearst should at least make some show of getting back into the party before asking for what he wants. —Durham Morning Herald.

The cruiser North Carolina must have got rid of her "tar heels," for in her last trial run she showed as clean and pretty a pair as Atlanta's in the famous apple chase.—Columbia S. C., State.

The unanimity of the court indicates that the open boycotting of the products of any manufacturer, whether by a labor organization, becomes unlawful the moment it extends beyond the confines of a single State—Hartford Times.

It is said that "Marse Henri" Watterson is now beginning to believe that Bryan can beat Taft. We remember sitting under a spell of Marse Henri's eloquence in New York once, when he believed that Parker could beat Roosevelt.—Newbern Sun.

The newspaper that stands for prohibition and carries whiskey advertisements is at least as consistent as the men who holler and vote for prohibition and then order it from other States in wholesale quantities.—Durham Morning Herald.

Railroad employes should think twice before assenting to a reduction of their salaries. The authorities at Washington have concluded to ask a few questions on this point, and employes should not commit themselves too soon.—Greensboro Daily News.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has turned State's evidence on the old man. In a talk to his Sunday school scholars, he says: "Business honesty of the present age is a pretty low grade of goods." He must have been reading Ida M. Tarbell.—Raleigh News and Observer.

Oklahoma is the most precocious of the children in the family of States. It has only just acquired the power to make laws, and already it has solved the banking problem of this country by framing and adopting a law by which the State will guarantee depositors.—Hattiesburg Progress.

Members of Congress most prominent in advocating a two-cent passenger rate on railroads are now most pronounced in opposition to the proposal to reduce their own mileage allowance from twenty to eight cents It would seem that the difference between two and eight cents a mile should be sufficient to cover Pullman fare.—Virginian-Pilot.

The Hon. John Sharp Williams, leader of the Democrats in the House of Representatives, announces himself as opposed to repealing the law which gives American ships a monopoly of our own coastwise commerce. We are heartily with Mr. Williams. If we repealed that law, the foreigner would take our domestic marine carrying trade away from us, which wouldn't be at all Oemocratic.—Norfolk Landmark.

TWINKLINGS.

—"Why not set your cap for that young fellow? He's single and well off." "Yes, he's single; but he knows he's well off."—Pittsburg Post.

—Knicker—Roosevelt wants to abolish trading on margin. Bocker—Great; probably hard times can be avoided by making mortgages illegal. —New York Sun.

—"There wouldn't be half so much trouble in this world," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "if people who ought to be listening didn't insist on doing all the talking."—Chicago Tribune.

—A Mere Trifle.—The Judge (in the courtroom)—I've lost my hat. The Lawyer—Lost your hat? That's nothing. Why, I lost a suit here yesterday!—Tit-Bits.

—Explained—"Gracious, old man! How did you catch such a frightful cold?" "O, I worked with the furnace till I overheated myself, then went up into the sitting room and got chilly." —The Commoner.

—"What you swearin' about?" inquired the farmer, "O!" growled the disgusted motorist between oaths, "this machine's broke down and I can't get it to go." "Gosh! you're in luck. Last feller I seen 'round here got all broke up 'cause he couldn't git his to stop."—Philadelphia Press.

—An Illogical Philosopher—"The Chinese pay all their debts on the first day of each year," remarked the man who thinks it his duty to scatter wisdom. "I have heard so," replied the careless person. "But I'd rather be in debt all my life than be a Chinaman." The Congregationalist.

—Starting a Pantheon—"I understand," said one visitor at the Capitol, "that there is a figure in the rotunda decorated with three hands." "Yes," answered the man from Harrisburg. "What does she represent?" "I don't know, unless it's the goddess of graft."—Washington Star.

—Employer—Did you tell Mr. Boreham who called that I had gone to America? New Office Boy—Yes, sir; I told him you had started this morning. "Good. What did he say?" "He wished to know when you'd return, sir, and I told him I did not think you would be back until after luncheon."—Tit-Bits.

—The camel looked at the eye of the needle and shook his hump. "It doesn't look as if I could get through there, does it?" he remarked. "Oh, come, take a nip," said the sympathetic elephant. "Perhaps that will give you courage." "Perhaps it will. I do need an eye-opener, don't I."—Chicago News.

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NOTICE.

The Atlantic National Bank, located at Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina, is closing its affairs.

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with us over a taste of our good old Rye, and you will pronounce the liquor to be the best and purest you ever tasted. It has a fine mellow flavor, and no suggestion of a headache in a bottle of it. A good tonic for invalids, and not at all bad for healthy people. Suppose you order a sample bottle. Then you will be so satisfied that you will want a case. The price is not the least pleasing feature about it.

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NOTICE.

TO THE CREDITORS OF THE H. E. NEWBURY COMPANY:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY notified to present your claim against The H. E. Newbury Company of Magnolia, N. C., in writing, duly verified within thirty days from this date and any creditor failing to present his claim within the above time will be barred from participating in the distribution of the assets of the corporation.

This January 20th, A. D., 1908.

M. B. TAYLOR, Receiver,
ja 22-30days Magnolia, N. C.

State of North Carolina,
New Hanover County,
Superior Court.

John T. Riley and Henry C. Riley, copartners trading and doing business under the style and firm name of Chas. S. Riley & Company, who sue in behalf of themselves and all other creditors Plaintiffs.

against

W. T. Sears & Company, Inc., Defendant.

SUMMONS.

The State of North Carolina, to the Sheriff of New Hanover County—GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. T. Sears & Co., Inc., to appear at the next term of said Court, to be held at the Court House in Wilmington on the 4th Monday after the 1st Monday of March, 1908, it being the 30th day of March, 1908, to answer the complaint of said Plaintiff. If the Defendant shall fail to appear at the time, the Plaintiff will apply for the relief demanded in the complaint, together with costs of this action.

Of this Summons make due return to the Clerk of said Court for the County of New Hanover.

Given under my hand this 11th day of Feb., 1908.

JNO. D. TAYLOR, ,
Clerk Superior Court New Hanover County.

W. N. HARRISS,
Deputy.

North Carolina,
New Hanover County.

We, the undersigned, Chas. S. Riley & Co., and L. J. Hannah, acknowledge ourselves bound unto the defendant in the sum of two hundred dollars to be void, nevertheless, if the plaintiff in the above entitled action shall pay the defendant all such costs as the defendant shall recover of him in said action. Otherwise to be in full force and effect.

This 11 day of February, 1908.

CHAS. S. RILEY & CO. (Seal)
by H. McCLAMMY, Atty.
L. J. HANNAH, (Seal)
(seal)
Witness: W. N. HARRISS.
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Ar	Lumb't'n..	7:26 A. M.	6:55 P. M.
Ar	Maxton....	8:18 A. M.	7:49 P. M.
Ar	Hamlet....	9:15 A. M.	8:50 P. M.
Lv	Hamlet....	9:45 A. M.	10:20 P. M.
Ar	Monroe....	11:40 A. M.	12:20 A. M.
Ar	Ch'lotte....	12:35 P. M.	12:35 A. M.

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Happenings and Doings In Society.

BY M. H.

Mrs. James Pou, who is prominent in the social life of Raleigh, is the guest of Mrs. Charles W. Worth on Third street.

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The many friends of Mrs. Shirley Carter will regret to know that she left for her home in Baltimore on Monday last.

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Mrs. E. Borden left during the past week for Concord, N. C., where she is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Archibald Cannon.

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Mrs. Josh James is the guest of her niece, Mrs. John H. Anderson in Fayetteville, N. C., where she will visit for several days.

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Mrs. Thomas M. Emerson, after spending several days as the guest of relatives in Richmond, returned to Wilmington on Friday last.

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The many friends of Mr. Charles Robinson are glad to know that he returned to his home in this city during the past week after a visit to New Orleans.

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Miss Sadie Williams returned to Wilmington during the past week after having spent several days very pleasantly in Raleigh as the guest of relatives

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Miss Louise Evans, who has been the guest of Miss Virginia Bailey, returned to her home during the past week, much to the regret of her many friends in this city.

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The numerous friends of Mrs. Elizabeth VanB. Sands will be glad to learn that she returned to the city on Thursday last, after a visit of several weeks to New York City.

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Mr. Theodore Marburg and his daughter, Miss Christine Marburg, and Mr. Theodore Marburg, Jr., left during the past week for Baltimore. They will be greatly missed by their many friends in this city.

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Miss Florence Kidder left on Thursday morning for Chapel Hill to attend the dance there, where she will remain for several days as the guest of friends. Miss Jessie Crosswell, of Fayetteville, N. C., who is very well known here, is also attending the dances at Chapel Hill.

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One of the informal Teas of the week was given by Miss Amoret Lord on Friday afternoon. The guests of honor were Miss Helen Strange and her guests, Miss Crump and Miss McGuire, both of Richmond, Va. Quite a number of young ladies were present and a very delightful afternoon was spent by all.

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Miss Julia Worth was the hostess of a very pleasant Bridge Party on Wednesday night, given complimentary to Miss Crump and Miss McGuire, of Richmond, Va. Those present were: Miss Worth, Miss Crump, Miss McGuire, Miss Helen Strange, Mr. John J. Blair, Mr. Raymond Hunt, Mr. Thomas H. Wright and Mr. C. McD. Davis.

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A very pretty luncheon was that given by Miss Helen Strange on Wednesday last, complimentary to the visiting young ladies. The table was tastefully decorated with pink carnations, and the color scheme of pink and white was carried out in the refreshments. Miss Strange's guests were Misses Susie McGuire and Mary Crump, of Richmond, Va., Miss Jule Hopkins, of St. Augustine, Fla., Miss McIlwaine of Petersburg, Va., Miss Ida Evans, of Warrenton Va., Miss Helen DuPre, of Spartanburg, S. C., and Misses Florence Kidder, Amoret Lord, Julia Worth, Alice Wright and Jennie Murchison.

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The Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church gave a very pretty "Silver Tea" on Washington's Birthday at the home of Mrs. W. J. Clemmons, on Walnut street. Those who received were Mrs. Clemmons, Mrs. Creasy, Mrs. Howe and Mrs. Pickett, while in the dining room were Misses Edna Toomer, Mary Legg, Mary Jacobs and Annie Bagley. The table and the house were prettily decorated with red and white carnations and souvenirs appropriate to Washington's birthday—hatchets, cherries, etc.—were presented to the guests. During the evening Miss Frances Hedrick, Miss Kate Darden and Miss Margaret Heinsberger recited, and added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion. Mrs. C. W. Woodard rendered a beautiful solo, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. A. M. Waddell. The silver offering was large, and the Tea was voted a great success.

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An announcement of much interest to the many friends of the groom in this city is contained in handsomely engraved invitations which were received during the past week, reading as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Menard Lorimier
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their cousin
Miss Mattie E. Keen
to
Mr. Walton B. Walters
on Wednesday evening, February the
twenty-sixth, at six o'clock
223 West Fifteenth street
Jacksonville, Florida.

At Home
after March the first,
Wilmington, North Carolina.

The prospective groom is the popular and capable manager of the Gaylord stores in this city and the bride is an accomplished young woman of the Florida metropolis. A cordial welcome awaits them in Wilmington where they will make their home in the future.

Miss Alice Wright was the hostess of a very pretty "George Washington Tea" on Wednesday afternoon. Those who received were Mrs. Wright, Miss Alice Wright, and the Misses Coulston, of Huntsville, Ala., Misses Rutland, Sallie Wright and Marie Grainger served the refreshments, which were accompanied with attractive little souvenirs of Washington's birthday—such as flags, cherries, etc. The color scheme was green and white and the parlors were beautifully decorated for the occasion with evergreens and cut flowers. On the evening of the same day, Miss Wright entertained a number of her friends at a card party, at which the spirit of the day was carried out in souvenirs of hatchets, cherry trees and boxes of cherries. Euchre was played and the ladies' prize was won by Miss Amoret Lord, and was a very pretty picture. The gentleman's prize was won by Mr. W. A. Townes and was an ivory paper cutter. The booby was won by Mr. Stalnaker. Delicious refreshments were served and a delightful evening was spent by all the guests.

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On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Clayton Giles and Miss Lucile Murchison entertained several hundred guests at a large and elaborate Tea at their handsome home on South Third street. The house was appropriately decorated for the occasion with LaFrance roses, American Beauties, and jonquils, while the soft glow from a number of candles added greatly to the beauty of the scene. Hollowbush's orchestra discoursed sweet music throughout the entire afternoon. Mrs. Giles and Miss Murchison, assisted by Misses Helen Strange and Jennie Murchison, received the guests in the drawing room, while Miss Martha Williams, Mrs. Francis Hopkinson Smith, and Mrs. Fred Dick assisted in the library, and in the sitting room, Mrs. J. Victor Grainger, Misses Mary Calder and Alice Boatwright presided over the punch bowl. Mrs. Theodore Empie gracefully poured tea. Misses Nannie Holladay, Marguerite Holladay, Virginia Bailey, Ida Evans, Florence Kidder and Mrs. Frank D. Young assisted in the dining room. It was one of the most beautiful of the many social functions that have been given this season and was greatly enjoyed by the large number of guests who were present.

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Chadbourn, N. C., Feb. 22.—One of the most charming social events that our town has enjoyed for some time was the reception given on St. Valentine's evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Brown, by the members of the Young Martons' Club to their husbands. In grateful contrast to the gloom without was the beauty and brightness which greeted the guests as they entered this charming home. The color scheme of red and white prevailed throughout the hall parlors and dining room, all being gaily decorated with emblems of the day—hearts, cupid's bows and arrows in artistic arrangements. Assisting Mrs. Brown in receiving were the officers of the club, Mesdames B. H. Harnly, J. H. Land and H. H. Horton. An entertaining and amusing progressive game of eight tables was played, the ladies' prize, a gold crescent, being awarded to Mrs. H. B. Pitman, the gentleman's prize, a wish-bone scarf pin, to Mr. B. H. Harnly, while all received consolations from an attractive heart shaped favor box. The guests were then ushered into the dining room where a delicious five-course luncheon was served, which the gentlemen voted a fitting close to a most delightful evening.

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On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Charles W. Worth entertained at a large and elaborate Tea, given complimentry to her daughter, Miss Julia Worth, and Mrs. Eugene Willett VanCourt Lucas, and Mrs. James Pou, from Raleigh. The house was beautifully decorated with a profusion of LaFrance roses and hyacinths. Those who received were Mrs. Worth, Miss Worth, Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Pou. Mrs. Geo. Rountree and Mrs. E. C. Holt presided at the punch bowl. In the sitting room were a number of Miss Worth's friends, all debutants, to each of whom was presented by the hostess a large bouquet of carnations. These were Misses Atha Hicks, Annie Hill Holmes, Theo. Cantwell, Agnes McQueen, Marguerite Holladay, Nannie Holladay, Sadie Williams, Amoret Lord, Isabel Smallbones, May Ella Moore, Virginia Bailey, Helen Strange, Ida Evans, Jane Iredell Green, Marguerite Walker, Helen DuPre. Mrs. Wilson, of Haverford, Pa., and Mrs. W. G. Smallbones also assisted. A number of little girls, friends of little Miss Adelaide Worth, assisted in serving the refreshments. Besides the many beautiful cut flowers, the house was tastefully decorated with electric lights, evergreens and Southern smi-

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After Once Tasting

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no one wants an old-fashioned cod liver oil preparation or emulsion, because Vinol is a much better body-builder and strength creator for old people, weak children, and for coughs, colds, bronchitis, etc. If it does no good we will return your money.

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Wilmington, N. C.

A TALE OF THE DEEP SEA

Experiense of Man Who Fell Overboard From Liner and Remained in Mid-Ocean Eight Hours —Final Rescue.

(From the Baltimore Sun.)

In the world's great grist of news there are tales of the sea and its dangers almost every day. In one week not long ago The Sun printed three stories of shipwreck that rivaled Poe's "Narrative of A. Gordon Pym." One ship burned on Lake Michigan, and five of the crew died, fighting to the last. Another ship went down with all hands on board off the lonely coast of Lower Java. Still another became a waterlogged derelict in mid-ocean and her crew lived for a week upon one barrel of soaked biscuit and a single gallon of fresh water.

Stories of this sort bob up almost every day. When they tell of ordinary shipwrecks they receive a few lines at the bottom of a page and the reading public passes them unnoticed. It is only when something unique or extraordinary occurs that the blackhead type calls attention to it. These honors were accorded a few months ago to the adventure of Paul Seidler, a Hungarian sailor, who fell overboard from the high bridge of the ocean giant Carpathia while the ship was 200 miles from land, and after swimming about for eight hours was picked up by another vessel and safely returned to his sorrowing relatives. Thus Seidler told his own story:

"I fell asleep leaning on the rail on the starboard side of the ship at the highest point of the deck. I woke up all of a sudden, with water all around me. I had fallen forty-five feet. I am used to the water, but there was something awful in coming to the surface and seeing the cabin lights of a ship disappear in the night.

"I heard a rattle, so I knew that they were lowering a lifeboat. The big ship stopped when it seemed almost out of sight. I might have shouted, but I reasoned that they would find me and I would be wasting breath that I might need.

"I had on all my clothes, including an overcoat. They began to bear me down. The current must have carried me, for the ship got farther and farther away and the boat was out of sight altogether. I knew I must get out of my clothes. First, I got off my coats and then I tried to take off my shoes. I had to let myself sink each time I unlaced a bit of the strings, and I would struggle to the surface for air. Finally I got off my shoes and I was almost exhausted.

"What did I think of? I am an atheist, and I found myself asking if I believed in God. I knew I was near death. My friends used to tell me that when I was near death I would see God as they saw Him. I argued with myself, but I could not believe.

"I shivered in the cold. I thought of sharks. I talked aloud. I fell asleep—yes, I fell asleep. That sounds funny, and it scared me as I woke up with a stare as the water came into my nose and mouth. I don't know how long I would sleep at a time. It probably was only a minute but it seemed half an hour. I would wake up talking about the sharks. After a while I fell to thinking of my wife and child. I didn't know where they were. Then I wondered if I were going to die, and I was sorry because I could not go to sea again.

"The time passed quickly. I suppose it was because my senses were so numb from the cold. After a long time I saw a ship. I must have been in the water six hours then. I was naked and cold and my legs and arms were so tired! I rolled over on my side and watched the ship as I swam in the cold. It was awful. I would measure the distance and the speed of the ship and I would look at the stars.

"I think I must have lost my head several times. The ship seemed to be coming and then going. Finally I thought myself right in front of it and I shouted with all my strength left. My shouts were heard. I saw men leaning over the side. Then I saw a boat drop into the water, with men at the oars. They came to me and held me up. They dragged me into the boat and when we got to the side of the ship I climbed up the rope ladder. I surprised myself in doing that.

"Once in the cabin I got some hot whiskey, and after a time I told them my story. They could not believe me at first, but when we met the Carpathia at Gibraltar they did. I had been in the sea eight hours."

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"I had to stay in bed from the middle of May to the middle of July. Then I tried D. D. D. Prescription. This is the 9th of December and I am entirely free from the terrible disease. D. D. D. saved my life.

"When I began this treatment, people were afraid of me I looked so terrible. My husband was the only one who would take care of me. D. D. D stopped the itch at once so I could sleep, which I had not done before. Then I began to get better fast and now my skin is clear and white, not a spot anywhere."

Just a few drops of D. D. D. Prescription applied to the skin brings relief—nothing to swallow or drink. We vouch for D. D. D. Prescription, also the cleansing D. D. D. Soap, Robt. R. Bellamy, Wilmington, N. C. Get a bottle today if you have any skin disease. Begin your cure at once.

DRUG TALKS WORTH HEEDING

DRUG TALKS WORTH HEEDING No. 10

How do you like the Drug Talks we have been giving during the past month? Our store is so complete and interesting that we could keep it up for years. They are going to be interesting for a long while yet.

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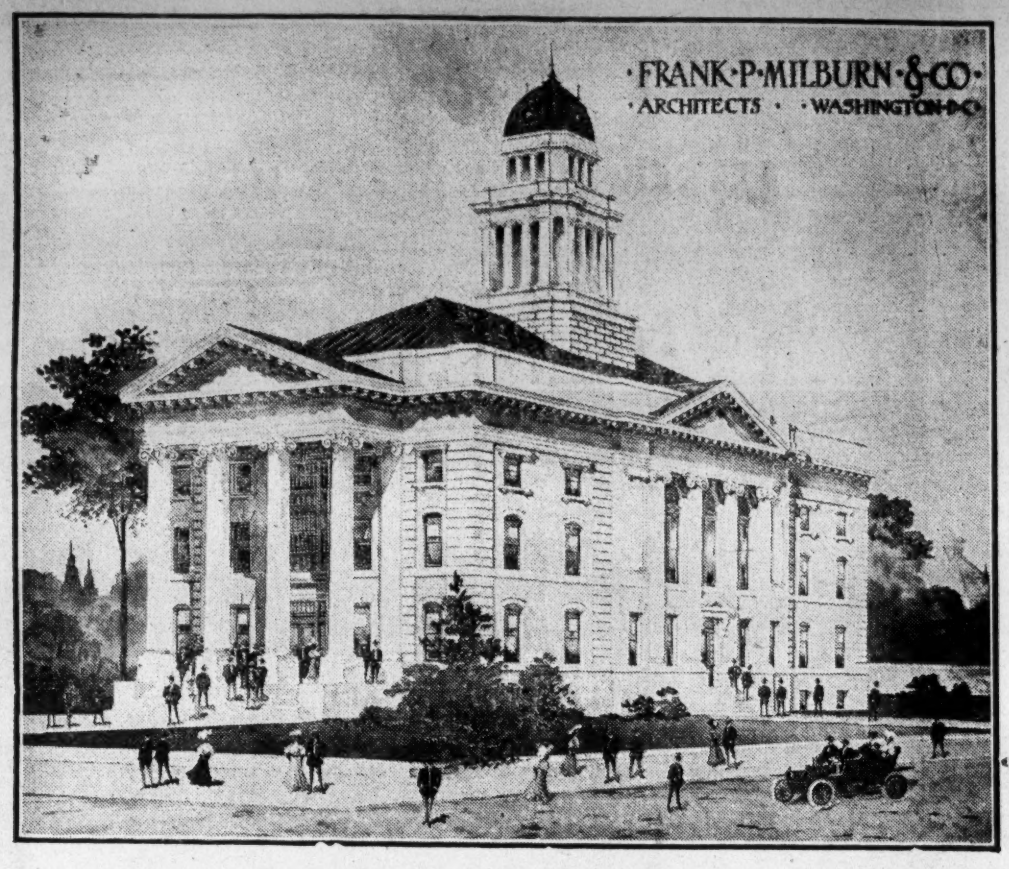


Lumberton Court House.

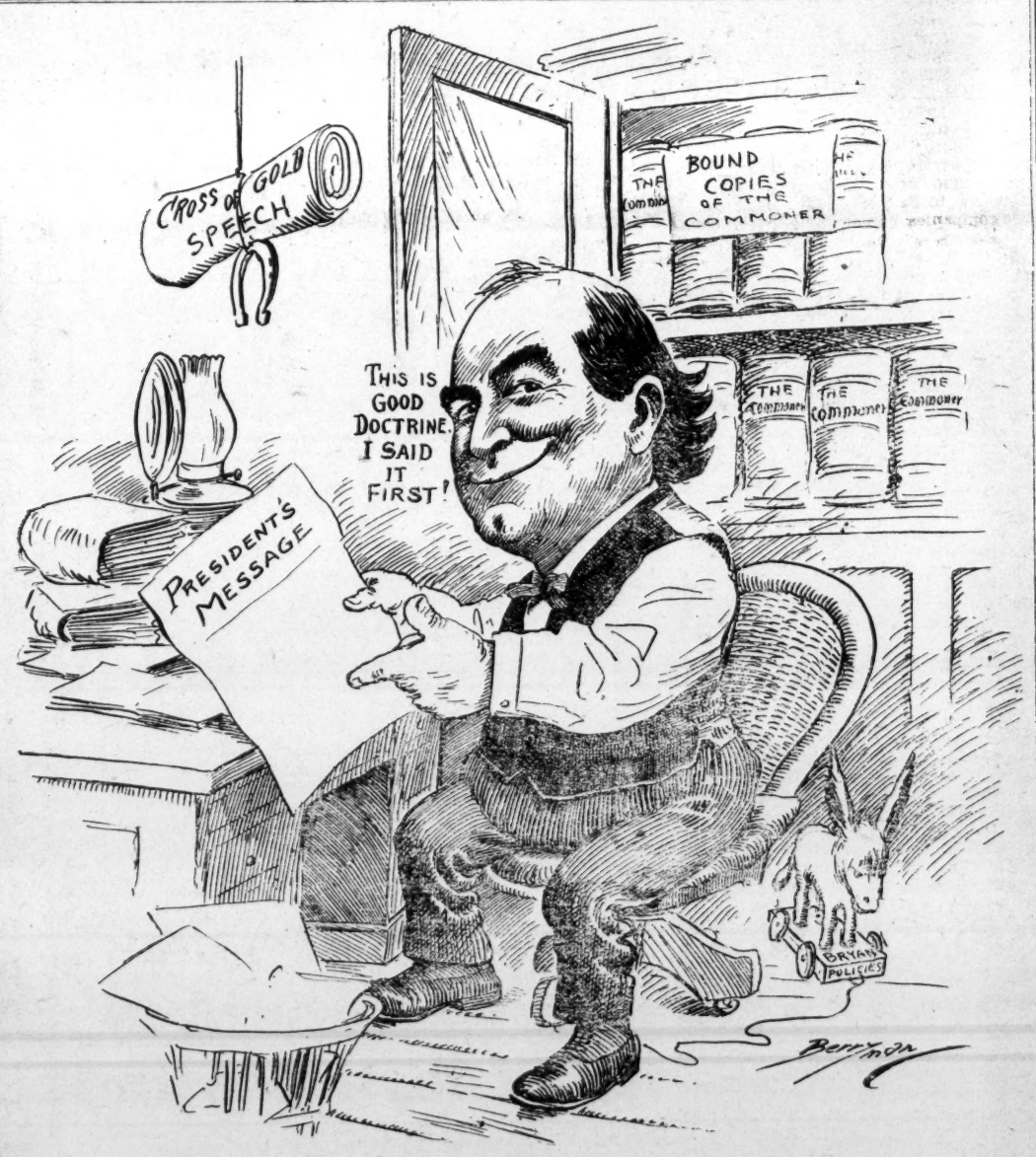
Above is given a splendid reproduction from the architect's drawing of Robeson county's magnificent new court house now in process of erection at Lumberton and which will be completed by the first of June. Frank P. Milburn & Co., who make a specialty of court houses and public buildings and are now designing a number of such in the Southern States, are the architects while the B. F. Smith Fire Proof Construction Company, of Washington, D. C., are the contractors, Mr. A. Davis, of Sidney, Va., being in personal charge of the work at Lumberton. A brief description of the court house at Lumberton as furnished by the architects is as follows:

The building will be 65x110, will be of light gray press brick with terra cotta trimmings and have a red tile roof. It will be three stories high with a basement, and on the first floor will be the offices for Register of Deeds and Clerk with large fireproof record rooms, also the County Commissioners' office, Road Supervisor, Treasurer, Sheriff and Board of Education.

On the second floor will be the circuit court room, which will be 50x60 and handsomely embellished with beam ceilings, wall pilasters, etc., and finished in suitable colors. In connection with the court room will be the Judge's private office, consultation room, jury room, grand jury, prosecuting attorney and witness rooms, with private toilets in connection with all.

On the third floor will be a large gallery opening into the court room, also sleeping jury room with toilets. All the corridors will have marble flooring. There will be a book lift in connection with the Clerk's office, leading to the court room above. The building will be lighted by electric light throughout. All finish and equipment, such as plumbing, electric fixtures, hardware, etc., will be the best of their respective kinds, and the building throughout will be built in the best possible manner and with the very best material obtainable. A steam heating plant will be installed, and under the record rooms on the first floor will be sub-record rooms, access to which is had from the main record rooms, and the same are to be used for the storage of old records, the live records to be kept on the first floor.

All the wood work throughout the entire building will be finished in mahogany and all the walls and ceilings painted in different colors to harmonize, and the building, when completed, will be thoroughly modern and up-to-date in every particular.



Hint Not Taken.

"From the grammatical standpoint," said the fair maid with the lofty forehead, "which do you consider correct, 'I had rather go home' or 'I would rather go home?'"

"Neither," promptly responded the young man. "I'd much rather stay here."

His Little Joke.

At the breakfast table Good Friday morning Wilfred was given a hot cross bun. It was very small, raisinless and burnt.

"Ma," said the little fellow, disappointedly, "this seems to be a hot cross bunko."—Woman's Home Companion.

The Retort.

Here is a retort which a "dull student" once made: Professor—You seem to be very dull. When Alexander the Great was your age, he had already conquered the world. Student—Well, you see, he had Aristotle for a teacher.—Chambers' Journal.

"Tipping" In Europe.

According to immemorial usage, European servants are entitled to tips as an assured part of their income. At the hotels the theory is that the landlord furnishes a guest a private room and the use of the public rooms, heat and light, food and dishes, but not menial service. For convenience he keeps at hand a corps of servants who will respond to the guest's summons, but at his expense. In old times travelers were attended by their own servants to wait on them. The modern custom echoes the ancient. The traveler no longer carries with him a retinue of servants, because he can hire temporarily those of the landlord. The customary fees are the payment. To avoid feeing is really to cheat the servants, who need all they can get, heaven knows. A chambermaid at the best hotels receives as wages only about $2 a month. Tipping servants in America is a regrettable imitation of the European custom without its resting on the reasonable basis of the foreign institutions.—Travel Magazine.

Sheridan's Double Marriage.

It was in 1857 that the Gretna Green marriages were made illegal. A glance at its registers may yet inspire the novelist of the future. One entry will be sure to puzzle. Twice within a few days occurs the record of the marriage of Richard Brinsley Sheridan to Miss Grant. There was only one R. B. S., only one bride for the same gentleman. The double entries are not the result of any blunder on the part of the Rev. Mr. Vulcan. The parties were really twice married at Gretna Green. Arriving on a Sunday they were duly wedded, and sped away to Edinburgh. There, however, Sheridan chanced to glance at a newspaper in which appeared the lucubrations of a lawyer. In these plainly stated was the fact that no contract executed on a Sunday is binding. Clearly, then, their wedding was not legal. Back to Gretna Green they scurried, to be remarried on a week day and leave the dual record to perplex later generations of sympathetic searchers of the records.—St. James' Gazette.

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Daily except Sunday.

LEAVE.

Wilmington	Wrightsville	Wrightsville Beach
East Bound	Westbound	Westbound
7:00 A. M.	6:25 A. M.	
8:30 A. M.	7:55 A. M.	7:45 A. M
10:00 A. M.	9:00 A. M.	10:45 A. M
11:30 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	12:15 P. M
1:00 P. M.	12:25 P. M.	1:45 P. M
3:00 P. M.	1:55 P. M.	3:45 P. M
4:30 P. M.	3:55 P. M.	5:15 P. M
6:15 P. M.	5:25 P. M.	7:15 P. M
8:00 P. M.	7:25 P. M.	9:15 P. M
10:00 P. M.	9:25 P. M.	
	10.30 P. M.	

Sunday Schedule.

LEAVE.

Wilmington	Wrightsville	Wrightsville Beach
East Bound	Westbound	Westbound
9:00 A. M.	9:55 A. M.	9:45 A. M
10:00 A. M.	10:55 A. M.	10:45 A. M
11:30 A. M.	12:25 P. M.	12:15 A. M
1:00 P. M.	1:55 P. M.	1:45 P. M
2:30 P. M.	3:25 P. M.	3:15 P. M
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4:00 P. M.	4:55 P. M.	4:45 P. M
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8:00 P. M.	9:25 P. M.	9:15 P. M
10:00 P. M.	10:30 P. M.	

Freight Schedule.

Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (Daily except Sunday).

Freight received at 9th and Orange streets from 8:00 to 4:00 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE.

Cars will be operated between Front and Princess streets and Seventeenth and Market every 20 minutes. Leaving Front and Princess from 6:50 A. M. until 9:50 P. M.

Leaving 17th and Market from 7:00 A. M. until 10:00 P. M. All suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE.
(Sundays.

Leave Front and Princess streets every 20 minutes from 8:30 A. M. until 9:50 P. M.

Leave Seventeenth and Market streets every 20 minutes from 8:40 A. M. until 10:00 P. M.

Delgado and the Golf Links.

On the trips leaving corner of Front and Princess streets at 2:30, 3:30, 5:10 and 7:10 P. M. daily except Sunday, the Carolina Place car will be run to the Golf Links. Sundays 9:30 A. M.

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Prices 50c, 75c., $1.00 and $1.50. Seats on sale Wednesday, February 26th.

In Society

(Continued from third page.)

lax, while Hollowbush's orchestra rendered sweet music throughout the entire afternoon. It was one of the most beautiful and elaborate affairs of the season, and will long be remembered by those who were present

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Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Heyer are spending several days on a visit to Norfolk.

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Miss Lilla Bellamy is the guest of her sister, Mrs. B. Maurice Chiswell, in Washington, D. C., having left on Tuesday evening on a visit of several weeks.

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Mr. Will Gore left Thursday evening for Washington, D. C., to attend a Colonial dance given by the young ladies of Bellecourt Seminary, a finishing school of select character at the National capital. He expects to return to Wilmington on Monday.

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Mr. Henry Heyer, a popular student at the University, who recently received his license to practice law in this State, arrived in the city on Friday morning on a short visit. Mr. Heyer is remaining at Chapel Hill for the rest of the term, in order to secure his degree of B. L.

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Captain J. H. Quinan, commanding the United States Revenue Cutter Seminole, was the host of a very novel, though informal entertainment on board the ship yesterday afternoon. The guests witnessed the annual athletic exercises of the men on board the cutter and later the various guests were treated to delightful refreshments.

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Miss Sue Catlett was the hostess of a very pleasant and informal chafing dish party, on Saturday evening. Those present were Misses Amoret Lord, Nannie Watters, Alice LeGrand, Messrs. Willie Watters, Waddell Watters, Clarence LeGrand, Lieutenant Hudson and Mr. Farwell, of the "Seminole." A most delightful evening was spent by all of the guests.

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An informal, but delightful Bridge Party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Giles, Jr., on Monday evening. All of their groosmen were present, these being Dr. Pride Jones Thomas, Messrs. Thomas Wright, Richard Bradley, Willie Smith, Swift Boatwright, Sid Williams, Champ Davis, the other guests were Mr. and Mrs Charles Grainger, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius VanLeuven, Misses Lucile Murchison, Elliotte Emerson, Annie Blount deRosset, Isabel Rountree, Lilla Bellamy, Martha Williams.

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The Junior St. Agnes Guild will give a very unique entertainment on next Friday night, in St. James' parish house. It will be a "Social Circus," and as this is the first entertainment of its kind that has been given in Wilmington, it is attracting a great deal of attention. There will be the fortune-teller, the acrobat, the clown, and all of the other characters who are ordinarily seen at a circus. The young people are taking much interest in getting up this affair, and it is to be hoped that their efforts will meet with success.

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A "Silver Tea" will be given at the residence of Mrs. James F. Woolvin on Wednesday afternoon and evening from four until eleven o'clock by one of the guilds of St. John's Episcopal Church. Elaborate refreshments will be served, besides which the guests will be treated to a delightful musical programme, consisting of selections by a number of Wilmington's favorite musicians. A very enjoyable evening is assured for all who attend and the tea will be anticipated with much pleasure by those who expect to be guests.

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President Hayne Davis, of the North Carolina Peace Society, has extended a most cordial invitation to the North Carolina Society of the Colonial Dames and to Cape Fear Chapter, No. 2, United Daughters of the Confederacy, to attend the meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Court House in the interest of the forthcoming Congress to be held in this city. All members of both organizations are urged to be present at this meeting. Mr. J. A. Taylor, of the Chamber of Commerce, will preside and there will be a large attendance of both ladies and gentlemen.

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The Cape Fear Golf Club held its annual tournament on Saturday afternoon, it being a mixed foursome handicap. A large number of the members participated and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McMillen won the cup for the second time with a net score of 54. By this victory the winners become the permanent owners of the cup, which is a very handsome, solid silver loving cup, appropriately engraved. Following the tournament which was most interesting, a large tea was given in the Club House, where elaborate refreshments were served to the members and guests. About one hundred and fifty persons were present and the day was considered as one of the most pleasant in the history of the Club.

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A social meeting of St. James' Brotherhood was held on Thursday evening of last week, in the Parish House, when all of the men of the congregation, or any of their friends whom they might be pleased to invite, were welcome. The object of those meetings is to increase the social intercourse between the men of the church, and to interest them in the work of the Brotherhood. Many interesting matters were discussed, and the evening was much enjoyed by all who were present. On the same evening, at the Chadbourn Memorial Hall, a meeting of the Presbyterian Brotherhood was held, of a similar nature. A very interesting address was delivered by Captain Earl I. Brown, on rivers and harbors improvements. A beautiful selection was rendered by the Acme Male Quartette, after which Mr. Louis E. Hall made a short talk on the work of the ladies of the church. Following that the officers for the ensuing year were elected.

THE NEWS OF ROBESON

Three Postmasters Whose Combined Service is 77 Years—News and Personal Notes of Lumberton During Past Week.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, Feb. 22.—The DeArmond Quartette Company delighted a small audience at the opera house last night. The entertainment was highly pleasing and deserved a much larger house.

The passenger station here has been equipped with telegraph instruments which is a great convenience when passenger trains have to receive train orders at this point.

Superintendent McGuire, of the Lumberton electric light and water plant, has obtained a patent on a combination oil cup and filter on which it is hoped he will realize a handsome sum of money.

This being a legal holiday all the banks in town are closed. Saturday is a bad day for holidays.

Mr. N. J. Thompson, of Lumberton, is the owner of a four-year-old Jersey cow which is the mother of four calves—twins twice. The first two were born February 12th last year, and the last two February 16th this year. The first ones are living but the last died. Mr. Thompson says the cow gives an abundance of milk, and he would not care to part with her at any price.

Mr. E. G. Cipher, a popular electrician, and Miss Georgie Biggs, both of Lumberton, were married Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and left the same evening for Washington City, where they will spend some time visiting Mr. Cipher's parents. A large circle of friends wish the young couple much success and happiness in life.

Mr. S. R. Spivey, of Monroe, N. C., has purchased the Robeson Inn, and will in the future be in charge. Mr. Butler, who established the Inn some time ago will engage in other business Mr. Spivey is no stranger to Lumberton people, having resided here a few years ago. He will be joined in a short time by his wife and danughter. and they expect to make this their permanent home.

As is the case in many other things Robeson county is, we think, ahead in the way of aged postmasters. It is interesting to know that on a drive of not more than three hours, three postmasters may be seen whose combined ages would be 221 years, and their combined services as postmasters would be 77 years. First is Dr. R. M. Norment, of Lumberton, who is 80 years old and has been postmaster for 8 years. The next is Mr. B. Stansel, who has been postmaster at Allenton since the office was established in 1868—forty years. It was first named Bear Bay, but in 1874 was changed to Allenton, named, we think, after the late Captain W. H. Allen, of Wilmington, who at that time was connected with the old Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad—(now Seaboard). Mr. Stansel is 74 years old. The third is Mr. W. H. Fisher, postmaster Tolarsville, who was appointed in February, 1879—twenty-nine years ago. This office was established in 1872 with Captain W. J. Tolar as postmaster, and he was succeeded by Mr. Fisher, who is now 67 years old. Dr. Norment is a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, and it is doubtful if there is a man in the county who has more friends. Mr. Stansel is a veteran of the Civil war where he lost a leg and it can be truly said that as a Christian gentleman and citizen he has no superior. Mr. Fisher also served in the Civil war and is one of the county's best citizens.

Lumberton Lodge No. 35, K. of P., celebrated the 44th Pythian anniversary Wednesday night with a smoker and fruit supper. The hall was crowded with Pythians and their friends. Mr. H. M. McAllister was master of ceremonies. Short talks were made by Colonel N. A. McLean, Revs. C. H. Durham, and E. M. Hoyle, Messrs. A. E. White, C. B. Skipper, M. G. McKenzie, Professors J. R. Pool and R. E. Sentelle.

Mr. Ed. T. Boon, of this place, was married Thursday morning at Morganton, N. C., to Miss Minnie Crawley, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Boon arrived here Thursday night and went immediately to their country home, four miles from town. Mr. Boon is very popular with our people having been a salesman here for several years. Mrs. Boon has visited here and has many friends to welcome her as a permanent resident.

Mr. Robert L. Thomas, who has been superintendent of the Dresden Cotton Mill since it was put in operation about a year ago has severed his connection with it and returned to his old home at Rockingham. He is succeeded by Mr. M. O. Rafter, who has been with the Lumberton Cotton Mill here since it began business several years ago. Many friends regret to see Mr. Thomas leave.

In the death of Mrs. Fannie Peterson, which occurred Wednesday, Lumberton loses another old landmark. The only remaining member of the immediate family is a brother of Mrs. Peterson, Mr. R. S. Bond, of Rowland. Mrs. Peterson was the widow of Mr. W. B. Peterson, who was one of the first printers to work on The Robesonian when it was established in 1870 by Rev. W. S. McDiarmid.

Through negligence of a hired boy a saddle horse belonging to a gentleman in Lumberton was allowed to stand hitched out from 5 o'clock Thursday evening till 7 o'clock Friday morning, with the ground frozen hard and ice forming wherever water was standing.

Attorney R. E. Lee returned yesterday from Georgia where he has been spending several days on legal business. An effort is being made to get a pardon for a Robeson county Croatan who has been in the Georgia penitentiary for seventeen years. Mr. Lee has been employed by relatives to try to secure the pardon

NEWS OF SOUTH ROBESON

Items Social and General From The Town of Fairmont.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Fairmont, N. C., Feb. 22.—We expect Fairmont will be represented in the audience which gathers to see "Clansman" in your opera house next Thursday night. See if you can tell a South Robeson chap by the cut of his hair or coat.

The K. of P.'s had a most delightful oyster supper and smoker last Tuesday night at their Castle Hall in honor of the forty-fourth anniversary. There were speeches and toasts and (we expect) songs and jokes to make up an evening of pleasure.

Fairmont Sporting Association was organized last week, and work is being done on the track which was immediately laid off. The first event is scheduled to take place on Flag raising day, the date of which is yet to be determined, but which will be in the near future. Dr. J. P. Brown is president; Mr. C. A. Floyd, vice president; Mr. C. Brice, secretary and treasurer; directors, Messrs. A. N. Mitchell, E. A. Mitchell, J. D. McLean, E. V. McDaniel, F. C. Jones and S. F. Thompson. The purpose of the Association is to encourage and promote any and all innocent amusement that will give life and ambition to the town and people. There will be a first-class race track where there will be horse and automobile racing, bicycle racing, etc. The Fairmont Messenger says that five horses and two autos have been entered already. No betting or gambling will be allowed.

Professor J. R. Poole, our popular superintendent of public instruction, was in town last Thursday to inspect our school. The children are always glad to greet him. He comes as their friend.

The printing by the Star of the account of Black Ancle's improvement has gained friends for the paper in that section and they thank you for it.

Cards of invitation are being received by friends to the marriage of Mr. Clayton Brice, a prominent stock dealer of Fairmont, and Miss Olive Grantham the lovely young daughter of Mr. C. B. Grantham, R. F. D. No. 3. Both these young people are extremely popular and are receiving many good wishes from their host of friends. The ceremony will take place at the home of the bride next Wednesday afternoon.

Several new residences are shortly to be erected in town in spite of the cry of hard times. Mr. E. V. McDaniel one of our most prosperous merchants will build the largest of these.

Mr. D. W. Galloway, Sprunt's cotton buyer, has been one of the grip victims and is still suffering from its effects. Mr. Galloway reports a fine cotton season and not yet over. He and his house are so popular here that no other buyers come to our market except for local mills.

The Ashpole Ginnery Company, which is a branch of the Lumberton Oil Mill has bought over a million pounds of cotton seed this season and are still in the market. They are also still ginning some cotton.

VIOLET MERSEREAU

With "The Clansman" at the Academy of Music in This City on Thursday Evening of This Week.

The Theatre

With the prestige of having broken all records for theatrical business both in the large cities and "on the road," "The Clansman" returns here on its third season, which will also be its last.

Everybody recalls the furore and excitement caused by "The Clansman" last year. Scores and hundreds of local playgoers were unable to gain admission to the theatre, and those who were privileged to see it pronounced it the greatest play of the South ever written. Everywhere "The Clansman" has stood distinctively from the other plays of the season in the same manner. For example, its success in Chicago eclipsed anything that had gone before. The critics received it with acclaim, and and the best evidence of its popularity was the long list of ticket buyers which, reaching as it did, for many blocks, was so unusual, that every newspaper in Chicago commented on the fact.

What happened in Chicago was but a duplicate of "The Clansman's" extraordinary vogue in New York, Washington, Baltimore, St. Louis, Kansas City, and other great towns. In fact, this famous Reconstruction drama could play the theatrical circuit indefinitely to enormous business, but Manager George H. Brennan has decided at the close of this season to show it in England, the British Colonies and the Far West, hence the present farewell tour.

Both company and production have been notably improved in view of the projected world-tour. In the company are such sterling actors as Franklin Ritchie, James J. Ryan, Eugenie Hayden, Maude Durand, Barry Maxwell, Bruce Richardson, M. J. Jordan, Guy B. Hoffman, Ruth Hart, Violet Mersereau, George A. Linderman, Joseph L. Sweeney, Murry Woods, John J. Flanagan, Earl Lee, John V. McDonald, Mae Burgess and Earl Ritchie. The dashing Ku Klux Klan Cavalry remains a thrilling feature of the show. As "The Clansman" will not return to this vicinity until 1911 at least, no one should miss the opportunity of seeing it at the Academy of Music on Thursday night of this week.

Dandy Dixie Minstrles.

The Dandy Dixie Minstrels will be the attraction at the Academy tomorrow night, in a long and diversified programme of song and fun. This promises to be one of the most pleasing companies of colored entertainers yet seen here, and the large advance sale indicates a big house. There are 30 unbleached Afro-American minstrel men of superior talent in this aggregation. "Laughing Lamar," Williams & Stevens, Jim Crosby, Sammy Davis, Buddy Jones, Prince the hoop wonder, Monroe Taber, Montrose Douglass, and The Dixie Rangers Quartette—a few of the big featured performers, an unequaled in their lines. The band and orchestra led by Dudley the Black Creatore is unrivaled—and the stage show is noted for its excellent singing dancing and olio numbers. "The Fowl Deed" the funny afterpiece—with Laughing Lamar, Charlie Williams, Jim Crosby and Sammy Davis in the comic roles—is said to be a very appropriate fun climax to a red hot minstrel show.

NO BAD CROP THAT

Twelve Acres Produced $1,500 Worth of Tobacco and Much Else.

(News and Observer.)

Apex, N. C., Feb. 21.—The past year was not what is termned a "good crop year," cotton making a low yield and tobacco, while having a good color, being light in weight. The results of the farming of Mr. W. T. Castlebury on the farm of Mr. C. P. Sellars, near Apex, however, shows no indication of a bad crop year.

Mr. Castlebury had twelve acres of tobacco, which brought him $1,500. He also raised one 500 pound bale of cotton; sixty barrels of corn, 200 bushels of sweet potatoes and 1,500 pounds of meat.

With the exception of hiring help for a week or two, Mr. Castlebury had no other help than that of his children. This crop was raised with two horses.

Mr. Castlebury is a splendid tobacco farmer and is planning to put in fourteen acres of tobacco next season.

The indications are generally that there will be more tobacco planted next year than for some years past in this section. There are several reasons for this, among them being the fact that a good many farmers from other counties have moved into this fine tobacco belt, and also that owing to the completion of railroad work and to the decreasing of saw mill and other work of like character, a good many people who have been engaged in this class of work will go back to farming.

There are plenty of fine tobacco lands in this section that can be secured and a great many inquiries are being received for them.

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WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.
Sunday, February 23, 1908.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday, February 22nd:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 39 degrees; 8 P. M. 40 degrees; maximum 48 degrees; minimum 38 degrees; mean 43 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month, 5.41.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Saturday at 8 A. M. 15 feet.

For North Carolina—Fair, warmer Sunday; Monday fair; light to fresh west winds.

Port Calendar—Feb. 23.

Sun Rises .....6:41 A. M.
Sun Sets .....5:48 P. M.
Day's Length .....11 hrs. 7 min.
High water at Southport 11:33 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 2:03 P. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Mr. E. M. Toon, of Whiteville, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city and was a guest at The Orton.

—Maj. Jno. D. Kerr, of Clinton, was in the city yesterday on legal business and was registered at The Orton.

—Solicitor Rodolph Duffy, of Onslow, was in the city yesterday returning from Kenansville where he attended Duplin Superior Court the past week.

—Mr. E. D. Pearsall, of Rocky Point, was in the city yesterday enjoying the vacation of a day on account of George Washington's birthday.

—Captain James H. Williams, formerly master of the tug Navassa and later of the Rosa, is recovering from a severe attack of illness with which he has been confined to his home for several weeks. His friends hope to see him out again soon.

—Young Mr. William E. Huggins, who was so severely injured by being struck by a shifting engine on the Atlantic Coast Line yards in this city some weeks ago, was able to leave the hospital yesterday. His friends hope that he will not be incapacitated for much longer.

—Messrs. Walter E. Yopp, E. C. Woodbury, N. J. Williams and C. R. Anderson have returned from the State Council meeting of the Jr. O. U. A. M. at Winston during the past week. They report an excellent entertainment by the people of the twin-city and a most successful session of the State Council.

—Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville, arrived in the city last evening and is a guest at The Orton. During the past week he held Cumberland Superior Court at Fayetteville and is now on his way to Whiteville to hold a term of Columbus court. He has a great many friends in Wilmington who hope to see him upon the occasion of this visit.

LOCAL DOTS.

—The schooner George W. Truitt was cleared yesterday, light, for Pensacola, Fla.; vessel by C. D. Maffitt.

—The offering at St. James this morning will be for the benefit of the Associated Charities. A generous donation is expected.

—There will be special music this morning at St. James. The public is cordially invited to attend the services.

—Rev. A. W. Seabrease has returned from a trip of two weeks in Florida and will conduct the services as usual at St. Paul's Episcopal Church today.

—License was issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. Robert H. Williams and Miss Daisy I. Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Taylor, of Wilmington.

—Laurence Enoch, colored, charged with non-support of his children, was bound to the higher court and went to jail in default of $50 bond before Justice Furlong yesterday.

—John Miller, a small colored boy, charged with stealing milk from the Shadeland Dairy, was held for the higher court by Justice Furlong yesterday and in default of $25 bond he went to jail.

—John H. Walker, colored, asks that the statement be made that he is not the Johnnie Walker, who was before the police court Friday charged with an assault with a beer bottle upon another negro.

—The tug Alexander Jones returned yesterday morning from Jacksonville, Fla., whither she towed from Cape Lookout the schooner William W. Converse which was in distress there. The tug had a very quick and a most successful trip.

—The Rev. William Hannon will deliver a lecture Monday evening before the Knights of Columbus on the subject, "The Catholic Martyrs Under Queen Elizabeth." This will be very interesting and a large audience will no doubt hear him.

—Ash Wednesday begins a week from next Wednesday, March 4th With the beginning of Lent there will be a cessation of all wordly pleasures for the period of forty days and naturally there will be much entertaining and the giving of social affairs during the present week and until next Wednesday week.

—George Pigford, a colored riverman, was arrested yesterday by Constable Savage, charged with the larceny of timber belonging to the Cape Fear Lumber Company. He gave $100 bond with Mr. J. H. Brunjes as surety for his appearance for preliminary trial before Justice Furlong Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Cars to the Beach.

Today cars to the Beach every half half hour from 2 to 6 P. M. **

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Crystal Palace—Reciprocity.
Crystal Palace—Programme.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Ladies' Goods.
Peterson & Rulfs—Educator Shoes.
Southern National Bank—Statement.
Solomon's Shoe Store—Grover Soft Shoes.
J. Hicks Bunting Drug Co.—Drug Talks.
D. L. Gore Co.—Jackson Square Coffee.
Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.—Statement.
J. H. Rehder & Co.—Spring Styles in Footwear.

Business Locals.

Wanted—Stenographer.
Wanted—Specialty Salesmen.
Lost—Black and Tan Hound.
L. Leon—Boiler Plate Wanted.
Wanted—Position as Accountant.
J. O. Brock—Electrical Contractor.
Zeck Company—Ladies to Copy Letters.
M. Schnibben—Residence For Rent.
E. S. Nixon—Moving Picture Outfit For Sale.
Mrs. Davenport—Will do Shopping in Baltimore.
Globe Adv. & Dist. Ass'n.—Hustling Men Wanted.
Cincinnati Specialty Adv. Co.—Salesmen Wanted.
California Cider & Extract Co.—Salesmen Wanted.
Wilmington Granite & Marble Works—Special Discounts.

CAN'T ATTEND BANQUET

Hon. Beekman Winthrop Cancels Wilmington Engagement.

It will be disappointing to Wilmington business men to know that a letter has just been received from the Hon. Beekman Winthrop, assistant secretary of the United States Treasury Department, stating that it will be impossible for him to be here and speak at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce on the evening of March 6th as he had hoped to do.

While the committee was much disappointed at the letter of regret from the distinguished assistant secretary stating that he could not come, other speakers have been and are being secured and the annual dinner promises to be fully up to the high standard of former years. Further announcement of the programme for this occasion will be made in due time.

BASKET BALL GAME

Interesting Match Yesterday Evening at the Y. M. C. A.

The basket ball game last night at the Y. M. C. A., between the teams of Houston and Symms, proved one of the most interesting of the season, resulting in a victory for Houston, the score being 14 to 5. The game although somewhat one-sided in the first half, was hotly contested, and was won only by the superior guarding and clever passing of the winning side. The line-up and score follow:

Houston.		Simms.
Stevens.....	forward	Thees
Woolcott.....	forward	Symms
Houston.....	center	Bartley
Van Kirk.....	guard	Hines
Newkirk.....	guard	Davis

Goal from field: Stevens, 2; Woolcott, 2; Houston, 3; Bartley, 2; free throw: Thees, 1. Time, 2:15 halves. Referees, McClellan and Hatch.

LILLEY INTERVIEWS CANNON.

Wants to Know What Will be Done With Submarine Charges.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Feb. 22.—Representative Lilley of Connecticut today interviewed Speaker Cannon, chairman of the committee on rules, as to what action would be taken by that committee on his resolution for the appointment of a special committee of five members of the House to investigate the methods employed by the electric boat company to secure the endorsement of the Octopus type of submarine boat by the committee on naval affairs. It is understood that the Speaker told Mr. Lilley that the rules committee had not yet considered the resolution at all. When Mr. Lilley quit the Speaker's room he left behind him the impression that he would reduce his request to writing to be heard by the committee in substantiation of his public charges, that members of the naval committee were subjected to improper influences by representatives of the Electric Boat Company. The attitude of individual members of the rules committee is understood to be that some such substantiation must precede a favorable report of the resolution of investigation.

ASK FOR A CONFERENCE

Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Send Letter to Southern.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Cincinnati, Feb. 22.—A general conference with the representatives of the Southern Railway has been asked by the national officers of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers to consider the proposal to cut wages on March 1, according to an announcement made here today.

The proposition was submitted to General Manager Horace Baker, of the Queen and Crescent line, by Assistant Grand Chief Burgess of Atlanta, who is here conferring with the officers of the engineers brotherhood on that system.

BIG FIRE IN NEW YORK.

Hundreds Are Driven From Homes and Loss is $300,000.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

New York, Feb. 22.—Hundreds of persons were driven from their homes and property valued at $300,000 was destroyed in Brooklyn today by a fire in the three-story factory building on DeGraw and Columbia streets, occupied by Edward B. Jordan.

The fire is supposed to have started in the engine room and the building filled with dried wood and varnish proved easy prey for the flames. None of the surrounding tenement houses houses were damaged.

BISHOP SATTERLEE DEAD

Was One of the Most Prominent and Best Known Protestant Episcopal Divines in This Country—Bad Case of Grip.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Feb. 22.—Right Rev. Henry Satterlee, D. D., for the past 12 years Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Washington, died at his residence here today. He was 65 years old. Although threatened with the grip, Bishop Satterlee officiated at services last Sunday morning. Shortly afterward his condition became acute and a physician was called in. During the early part of the week he improved somewhat and it was thought he would speedily recover but pneumonia developed and for several days his condition caused concern. Bishop Satterlee was formerly rector of Calvary Church in New York. He was a religious writer of note and had been elected but declined to accept the Bishopric of Michigan and the Bishop co-adjutorship of Ohio.

The funeral probably will be at the pro-cathedral church here next Tuesday. The illness which resulted in the Bishop's death is attributed to an experience in New York harbor when a transfer boat on which he was a passenger, on his return trip from Providence to Washington, a week ago Thursday night, was detained in the East river for several hours. The last communion was administered to him shortly before his death. He gave to the Celebrant his Episcopal blessing and murmured the Sanctus as he was dying.

Bishop Satterlee aws a native of New York, and was related to some of the oldest families of that State, his maternal grandfather being Governor Joseph Yates. The Episcopal Cathedral in course of construction in the outskirts of this city will be a monument to his memory.

It was he, who twelve years ago, served as the bearer of a non-political petition to Emperor Nicholas II., entreating him to use his influence, in connection with other Christian powers, to put an end to the Armenian massacres. This petition was signed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and other prelates and represented probably forty million Christians.

Mrs. Satterlee, formerly Miss Jane Churchill, of New York, and a daughter survive the Bishop.

A Hot Knife.

"A knife that cuts butter when it is hot" (and under no other circumstances) we sometimes meet with, and the reason of this is easily explained. Heat expands metal and in proportion to the amount of metal which is heated. There is more metal in the breadth of a blade than in its thickness, and the former therefore is expanded immensely more than the latter. In other words, the wedgelike shape is lengthened, and the tool becomes "sharp."

The Greater Ache.

"You might think you've got such a heartache," said the woman, "that you can't stand it at all. You'll never get over it, never in the world! You can't stand it another minute without dying of it, but just wait till you get the toothache good and hard, then stand by and watch the heartache go way back and sit down."—New York Press.

Anatomy.

"How many ribs have you, Johnny?" asked the teacher.

"I don't know, ma'am," giggled Johnny, squirming around on one foot. "I'm so awful ticklish I never could count 'em."—Ladies' Home Journal.

"What's Dad A-doin'?"

"Mammy's knittin' dad a pair o' socks."

"An' what's dad a-doin' of?"

"Prayin' to the Lord for shoes!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Making a Monkey of Him.

"I have something to tell you. I have a tale about my ancestors."

"I presume your ancestors had tails about themselves." — Detroit Free Press.

Nothing can be done at once hastily and prudently.—Publius Syrus.

Medicine That Is Medicine.

"I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that remedy is Electric Bitters; a medicine that is medicine for stomach and liver troubles, and for run down conditions," says W. C. Kiestler, of Halliday, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you. 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug stores.

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WARM WIRELETS.

President Roosevelt was the guest at dinner last night of Ambassador Jusserand of France. The occasion gave the Ambassador an opportunity to show the President through the magnificent new embassy building which has been recently erected by the French government on 16th street extension.

The Sir John Hanson, Captain Moore from Stockton, Maine, laden with seed Irish potatoes and overdue at Norfolk, arrived yesterday after severe experiences in recent coast gales. The Hanson had her house beat in by high seas and her crew became almost exhausted while battling with the elements.

It was learned from certain Rhode Island cotton manufacturers yesterday that a further reduction in the wages of the mill operatives would probably be made there, as has been announced would be made in Massachusetts soon. It is the belief of the manufacturers that the reduction will be general throughout New England.

Train No. 9 from New York to Pittsburg on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, was wrecked early yesterday at Salisbury Junction, forty miles east of Connellsville, Pa. A broken rail, probably caused by the cold weather, caused the derailment of the entire train. Prof. Rudolph Leonhardt, formerly of the University of Breslau, Germany, was thrown from his berth and slightly injured.

WILLIAM T. SEARS.

Death is impartial. Leader and follower must yield to its command and the measure of grief is in proportion to the faithfulness in life to the duties assigned either to commander or rank and file.

Whereas, It having pleased the Grand Worthy President of All, in His infinite wisdom and mercy, to remove from his sphere of usefulness that splendid Eagle and Brother, William T. Sears.

We, of Carolina Aerie No. 1171, Fraternal Order of Eagles, in session assembled on the 18th day of February, 1908, express our heartfelt sympathy and sorrow upon the overwhelming loss which the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the family of our beloved brother has sustained.

Resolved, That in the death of Brother William T. Sears the Fraternal Order of Eagles has lost an esteemed member, loved by all for his companionable nature, his genial disposition and charitable impulses. A man possessing a broad, active mind, and a fine mentality, whose influence was always for the best interests of the Order.

Resolved, That the sympathy of our Order is extended to the bereaved family, and that a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to them.

Resolver Further, That these resolutions be spread upon a memorial page in our records as a part of this meeting.

H. Z. CLOWE,
S. E. WOOD,
A. McMILLAN,
Committee Carolina Aerie, No. 1171, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

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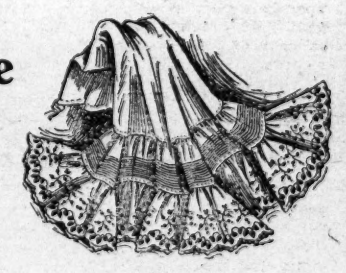

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WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Celebrated With Big Demonstration in Alexandria, Va., at Washington University, In London and Other Places.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

Alexandria, Va., Feb. 22.—With the biggest demonstration in its history Alexandria today celebrated the one hundredth and seventy sixth anniversary of the birthday of her foremost citizen, George Washington.

Every two years the celebration of Washington's birthday here takes the form of a petit parade in which representative branches of the Army and Navy of the United States, citizen soldiery of the District of Columbia and of the various States, civic, patriotic and secret orders all do their part in making the day a gala occasion.

The demonstration this afternoon was one of the largest and most impressive of the many that have taken place here, and was witnessed by many thousands of the citizens of Washington and by residents of the surrounding country in Virginia and Maryland and by many from the States far away.

The events of the day were ushered in with blowing of whistles; and ringing of the bells at 7 A. M. At noon whistles and bells again pealed a welcome the visitors and announced that the celebration in honor of the father of his country was about to begin.

This morning a committee went to Mount Vernon and placed a handsome wreath on the tomb of the Washington grave, a custom of the George Washington birthday celebrations.

In connection with the celebration, services, of a patriotic character were held in Christ Protestant Episcopal church under the auspices of Mount Vernon council, Daughters of the American Revolution.

At Washington University.

Washington, Feb. 22—Senator Burkett, of Nebraska, was the principal speaker today at the winter convocation of the George Washington University held at the Belasco threatre.

The trustees and members of the faculty, in caps and gowns, marched in procession from the university to the theatre. Senator Burkett's theme was "The Protest of Americanism Against Government Ownership of Railways."

Government ownership, he declared, would be a spear thrust to the very heart of our body politics and would mean revolution not only politically but commercially, as well as paternalism in politics and socialism in commerce. The system was European and un-American. It would involve an enormous expense because experience had shown that the United States never made money out of anything and even as it is the railroads lost money last year. The present large amount of money collected in taxes upon railroads would be lost and the government would not operate the railroads as economically as private owners.

A Celebration in London.

London, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was celebrated tonight by the London section of the American navy league by a dinner at Hyde Park Hotel.

The speakers included Marshall O. Fox, Frederick Fisk, Colonel Asheley Cole, F. C. Vanduseer and R. Newton Crane.

Mr. Crane, who has represented the United States government on several important commissions spoke at length on the "Yellow Peril" which he characterized as the bogey of labor union demagogues. He also expressed strong disapproval of the voyage of the American fleet to the Pacific and said that he feared when it reached San Francisco it would excite passion which might result in war.

A large proportion of those present expressed disapproval of Mr. Crane's sentiments by a noticeable silence at the conclusion of his speech.

New York Has Parades, Speeches and Dinners.

New York, Feb. 22.—George Washington's birthday was celebrated today with parades, speeches, and dinners by patriotic societies.

Under the auspices of its custodians, the Daughters of the American Revolution, a Washington's birthday celebration was conducted today in the old Jumel mansion on Washington Heights, which was Washington's headquarters during the revolution. Among the speakers at the exercises were General Stewart L. Woodford.

Among the events tonight was the speech of Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court at Cooper Union on "Quantity and Quality in the Nation."

The banquet of the Sons of the Revolution was held at Delmonico's tonight and speeches were made by ex-United States Senator John C. Spooner, Professor William M. Sloane, of Columbia University and Supreme Court Justice Fitzgerald.

Senator John Fox of Pennsylvania, was the orator at the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity's Washington birthday banquet at the Hotel Manhattan.

The Order of the Cincinnati dined at the Waldorf Astoria.

Salute Was Fired at Colao.

Lima, Peru, Feb. 22.—The national salute was fired from the assembled warships in Callao Harbor at noon today in honor of the birth of George Washington. The salutation was answered by the Peruvian ships of war in port.

Governor Hughes at Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Governor Charles E. Hughes, of New York, and Benjamin Ide Wheeler of the University of California, were the principal speakers at the series of meetings held today under the auspices of the Union League Club, in commemoration of Washington's birthday.

Governor Hughes delivered the chief speech at a big mass meeting in the auditorium in the morning and President Wheeler was featured at an afternoon meeting held in Orchestra Hall. Both spoke at a banquet in the club house this evening.

OVER NIAGARA FALLS

Fate of a Schooner That Was Used as an Experiment.

SHE WAS DASHED TO PIECES.

A Thrilling Sight From the Time She Struck the Seething Rapids Until the Mighty Falls Tore Her Into Splinters—A Pair of Tough Geese.

The following story of the first public excursion to Niagara Falls was written at the time by an eyewithess:

"The schooner Michigan was the largest vessel on Lake Erie at that time. She was too large, in fact, to enter the various harbors on the lake, and, being somewhat decayed in her uppers, the owner, Major Frazer, got the idea that she would answer the purpose of testing the fate of a vessel that by accident might approach too near the cataract and also the fate of living things that might be caught in the rapids. The proprietors of the large public houses at the falls on both sides of the river and of stages and steamboats made up a purse to purchase the schooner, aware that they would be amply repaid by the spectators that the exhibition would attract.

"For several days previous to Sept. 6, 1828, the day for which the affair was fixed, which was Saturday, the stages and canalboats came to Buffalo crowded with people. On the night of Sept. 5 wagons filled with country people rattled through the village in unbroken procession all night long, and on the morning of Sept. 6 Buffalo itself seemed to be moving in one mass toward the point of attraction. Five steamboats had been advertised to leave Buffalo Saturday morning. They were the Henry Clay, William Penn, Pioneer, Niagara and Chippewa. The Chippewa was appointed to tow the schooner Michigan to the Niagara river. I was a passenger on her.

"As soon as we got well under way the scene became interesting. The other four steamers came plowing along in our wake, crowded to the guards with passengers and bands of music playing. The Chippewa towed the big schooner to Yale's landing, on the Canada side of the Niagara river, where our passengers went ashore, as did those of the William Penn. The passengers of the Henry Clay and Pioneer landed on the American side. Yale's Landing was three miles above the falls, and the crowds of people were taken from there on down the river in wagons of all kinds. The hour fixed for towing the Michigan from Yale's Landing to the rapids was 3 in the afternoon.

"This task, an extremely hazardous one, was intrusted to the oldest sailor on the lake, Captain Rough. With a yawl boat and five sturdy oarsmen the old captain got the schooner under way. They towed her to within a quarter of a mile of the first rapids and within half a mile of the tremendous precipice itself—as near as they dared approach. They cut the big vessel adrift, and she passed majestically on, while the oarsmen of the yawl had to bend their every nerve and muscle to remove themselves from the peril of being drawn down by the rushing waters. Indeed, such had been the fear and apprehension of the men that they mutinied against Captain Rough and cut the towline before the time he had set. If they had obeyed the reckless old captain, he, the yawl and its crew would have preceded the Michigan over the falls.

"The high grounds on both shores of the river were lined with people as the Michigan, unguided by human agency, approached, head on, the first rapid of the seething descent, apparently keeping the very course that a skillful navigator would have guided her in. The American ensign streamed from her bowsprit and the British jack floated at her stern. The vessel shot the first rapid unhurt, still head on, making a plunge, shipping a sea and rising from it in beautiful style. In her descent of the second rapid, the water momentarily increasing in velocity and tumult, her towering masts went by the board, giving the spectators a startling representation of the crashing of a vessel's spars in a shipwreck at sea. She swung around and presented her broadside to the dashing and foaming water, and, after remaining, as it seemed, stationary for a moment, swung around until she was headed upstream.

"Passing the third rapid she bilged, but carried her hull to all appearances whole as she tossed and groaned between Grass island and the British shore to the Horseshoe fall, over which she was drawn sternforemost and hurled into the thundering abyss. She was dashed to fragments before she struck in the seething waters below. Immediately after she went over hundreds of people hurried below the falls. The river was covered with fragments of the vessel. Nowhere could be found as much as two boards nailed together, and her great timbers were broken into bits like firewood.

"There were aboard the Michigan when she started on her trip toward the falls a wild bull buffalo from a western prairie, two bears from the Lake Superior regions, two foxes, a raccoon, a dog, a cat and four geese. When the vessel left Yale's landing in tow all these were let loose on the deck except the buffalo. He was inclosed in a pen. The two bears got enough of the trip when the vessel began the descent of the first rapid, and they climbed down the side next the Canada shore, plunged into the swift water, breasted its powerful sweep successfully and reached the shore. They were so exhausted when they got on land that they made no resistance to being captured. The bears, before they abandoned the ship, climbed the masts of the vessel and, as it was presumed, from that outlook saw what their finish would be anyhow and then determined to take the chances of getting to land, slim as they were. The raccoon ran up a mast and remained there until the mast fell. He was never seen again. The foxes ran frantically up and down the deck and went over with the schooner, as did the buffalo bull and the geese. Not a trace of foxes or buffalo was ever found. Two of the geese swam ashore half a mile below the falls. The other two met the fate of the buffalo and the foxes."

HIT HIM IN TWO PLACES.

The Way Cicero Treated His Devoted Admirer Petrarch.

In the early autumn of 1358 Petrarch suffered an accident which may be narrated in his own words. "You shall hear," he writes to a friend, "what a trick Cicero, the man whom I have loved and worshiped from my boyhood, has just played me. I possess a huge volume of his letters, which I wrote out some time ago with my own hand because there was no original manuscript accessible to the copyists. Ill health hindered me, but my great love of Cicero and delight in the letters and eagerness to possess them prevailed against my bodily weakness and the laboriousness of the work. This is the book which you have seen leaning against the doorpost at the entry to my library. One day while going into the room thinking about something else, as I often do, I happened inadvertently to catch the book in the fringe of my gown. In its fall it struck me lightly on the left leg a little above the heel. 'What! My Cicero,' quoth I, bantering him, 'pray what are you hitting me for?' He said nothing, but next day as I came again the same way he hit me again, and again I laughed at him and set him up in his place. Why make a long story? Over and over again I went on suffering the same hurt, and, thinking he might be cross at having to stand on the ground, I put him up a shelf higher, but not till after the repeated blows on the same spot had broken the skin and a far from despicable sore had resulted. I despised it, though, reckoning the cause of my accident of much more weight than the accident itself. At last, when the pain was too much not only for my wit, but for sleep and rest, so that to neglect the thing any longer seemed not courage, but madness, I was forced to call in the doctors, who have now for some days been fussing over this really ridiculous wound, not without great pain and some danger to the wounded limb, as they insist, though I think you know just what reliance I place on their prognostications either of good or evil. So this is how my beloved Cicero has treated me. He long ago struck my heart, and now he has struck my leg."—From H. C. Hollway-Calthorp's "Petrarch."

GUIDEPOSTS IN FRANCE.

A Striking Feature of the Roads Throughout the Country.

A feature of the roads of France is the ever present guidepost. These guideposts consist of an iron plaque about two feet long and a foot high securely mounted on sturdy posts or fastened to some substantial wall. They are painted in white and blue and show without any possibility of mistake not only the commune or township in which they stand, but the next important place in either direction as well as the distances between all the chief points upon that route. Thus you will find if you are traveling on a road which leads to Paris that the name of the metropolis will appear on the signboard, although it may be several hundred kilometers distant.

In addition to these guideposts the Touring Club of France has put on the chief roads a series of signs and symbols to indicate to motorists and bicyclists what sort of a road they are approaching. The sign "ralentir," which translated into good United States means to "let up," has caused many a motorist who is unfamiliar with the road he is traveling to slow down and to find shortly after the sign had been passed that it was well that he paid attention to it because of a steep grade or some abrupt turn. There is no excuse, in view of the symbols and signboards, for any one motoring in France to get on the wrong road or to come unexpectedly into trouble.—Frank Presbrey in Outing Magazine.

Shakespeare's Last Illness.

According to a tradition handed down by Ward, the vicar of Stratford, Shakespeare's last illness was a fever brought on by a "merry meeting" with Drayton and Ben Jonson. Another authority, Halliwell-Phillips, says that the great poet died of typhoid, caused by the filth and bad drainage about New Place. Like nearly everything else about Shakespeare, the question of the character of his last illness can be answered only conjecturally.

At the Wind's Mercy.

"Scroggins is always boasting about his new balloon."

"That's all it's good for."

"What's all it's good for?"

"To blow about."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Use For Them All.

"You have three pairs of glasses, professor."

"Yes; I use one to read with, one to see at a distance and the third to find the other two."

There is nothing worse for mortals than a vagabond life.—Homer.

The Buzzard In Flight.

There can be no doubt that the buzzard is the living aeroplane in perfection. It cannot sail against the wind except as other birds do—by sheer power of moving wings—but it can sail at amazing speed before the wind, at right angles to the wind and can sail within a few points of the wind.

When there is no wind its flight is clumsy—not much of an improvement on the flying of a hen. Authors are wont to describe the buzzard as sailing in the sky on days when the earth perspires beneath a sultry, still atmosphere. But it will also be remembered that these authors invariably describe the buzzard as being "a speck in the brassy heavens." As a matter of fact, that is just the point of the buzzard's aerial knowledge. When there is no breeze close to the earth it is always to be observed roosting in a tree or flying laboriously into the zenith until it finds an upper current, where it can navigate without labor.—New York Times.

Bones and Their Places.

It was a colloquy at a north side butcher's shop. "Oh," said the little woman, "that's an awful big bone in that small steak. I don't like to have to pay for all bone."

"Yes'm," said the butcher politely, but with a touch of irony in his answer, "that do seem to be a good deal of bone, but the animals what's comin' to this market now seems to have more or less bone in 'em. And really as animals is built now I don't see how they can get along without bones."

"That may all be true," said the little woman, and there was a wicked twinkle in her eye, "but this morning I found a good sized bone in the sausage, and I leave it to you, honest now, don't you think that is going a little too far?"

And the butcher could not say a word in reply.—Indianapolis News.

Incidental Music.

One afternoon a couple from an adjoining town presented themselves to a Boston divine and asked to be married just as he was about to enter the pulpit to conduct an afternoon service. The minister replied that he regretted that he could not at that moment comply with their wish, but that immediately upon the conclusion of the service he would take pleasure in performing the ceremony. The lovers after demurring seated themselves in the rear of the church. When the minister had finished the service he made the following announcement: "The parties who are to be joined in matrimony will present themselves at the chancel immediately after the singing of hymn 415, 'Mistaken Souls That Dream of Heaven!'"—Exchange.

Her Recommendation.

A girl working as a servant told the housewife, "I'm going away, mom."

Said the woman indignantly: "Suppose some one writes me for a recommendation, what shall I tell them?"

Said the girl: "Tell them, mom, I stood it with you for a week. That recommend is good enough for me."

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

The Star will send without charge, A. D. T. (Western Union) Messenger to your Place of Business or Residence for Advertisements for our Business Locals Department. 'Phone the Star office, No. 51.

Rates—25 cents for each insertion of twenty-five words, or less. Additional words, more than twenty-five, one cent per word in advance.

The A. D. T. Messengers will also call for telegrams for the Western Union Telegraph Co., or for Notes or small packages to be delivered anywhere in the city. No charges for the telegrams, and but a small charge for notes. For this service call Western Union, 'Phone 2. But for Advertisements always call the Star office, 'Phone 51.

WANTED—By an accountant of experience, who understands the theory of accounts, systematizing, etc., position at once. References given and required. Address "Accountant," care Star. fe 23-1w

NEAR MASONBORO. SOUND, a beautiful Summer home and farm for sale. House in first-class condition. If you are interested apply to James Owen Reilly, Real Estate and Insurance Agent. fe 23 3t

FOR RENT—House on Sixth and Red Cross with all modern improvements; nine rooms, $20 per month. M. Schnibben. fe 23-2t

WANTED—100 tons boiler plate. L. Leon, No. 8 Chesnut street. fe 23-2t

WANTED—Limited number of reliable specialty salesmen—men who know their own worth. Ability means permanent position. $300 or better monthly. Box 470, Dept. 38, Kansas City, Mo. fe 23-1t

FOR SALE—Moving picture outfit, electric and calcium gas light, films, slides, etc. E. S. Nixon, 113 Chesnut street. fe 23-1t*

STENOGRAPHER WANTED at once. Apply in own handwriting. Postoffice Box 805, City. fe 23-1t

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN—Black and tan hound, white feet, top of tail white and white spot in breast; named Dash. Reward if returned to J. A. Lewis, 711 North Fifth street. fe 23-1t*

WANTED—Salesmen a good side line, Fans, Signs, Memo Books, etc. Liberal commissions; samples $1.00, rebate on first order. Cincinnati Specialty Advertising Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. fe 23-1t*

WANTED—Ladies to copy letters at home; spare time; good pay; cash weekly; reliable; send stamp. Zeck Company, Morristown, N. Y. fe 23-1t*

SALESMAN wanted to sell to grocers, druggists and confectioners; $100 per month and expenses. California Cider & Extract Co., St. Louis, Mo. fe 23,1t*

TO THE LADIES—Have your shopping done in Baltimore by a professional buyer at the large stores. Five cent commision charged. Write me. Mrs. Davenport, 1358 W. North Avenue, Baltimore, Md. fe 23-28-2t*

HUSTLING MEN WANTED—Distribute samples and circulars. No canvassing, steady. Globe Adv. & Dist. Ass'n, Chicago. fe 23-1t*

J. O. BROCK Electrical Engineer and Contractor. Office and store room 217 Princess street, phone No. 573. House wiring, Electrical Construction of all kinds, complete specifications and installations of mill, factory, power and lighting plants. Estimates cheerfully furnished on applications. Working territory North and South Carolina. fe 23 tf

WE ARE NOT GOING OUT OF BUSINESS but we want to reduce our stock and will allow 10 per cent discount until March 1st. Let us have your orders for Memorial Day. Wilmington Granite & Marble Works, R. D. Tucker, Proprietor, 310 North Front street. fe 23 1w

FOR RENT—Five upper rooms, No. 820, Ninth and Dock, from March 1st, Electric lights, bath, etc. Apply to R. M. McIntire. fe 22-2t

SALESMEN WANTED—For general merchandise store in small town. Experience in dry goods necessary. Address C., Burgaw, N. C., giving references and stating salary expected. fe 22-2t*

THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS a month. For rent—seven-room house; all modern conveniences, centrally located. Possession given March 1st. See D. R. Foster & Co., 206 Princess street. Phone 1220. fe 21 3t

PARTIES desiring board can be accommodated at No. 7 South Fourth street with large or small rooms. Rate according to location and size of room. fe 20 4t

FOR RENT—One nice seven-room, two-story house with deep lot, rents for $15 per month. Apply to F. P. Lamb, Phone No. 426. fe 18-1w*

CANDYCAPPS—Fresh home-made candies, ice cream, all flavors. Hot and cold soda apparatus in full blast. Fruits of all kinds. A. Mavronichols. fe 16-tf

FOR SALE—White Pekin duck eggs; setting of thirteen $1, or 100 for $6. Apply to W. A. Taylor, Superintendent. Phone No. 855 Call 3, Wrightsville, N. C. fe 16-e-o-d-2w

FOR SALE—A large lot of empty ink barrels and kegs. Apply at Star office. ja 14 6t

MISS WINNIE WALLACE desires to call to the attention of her friends and patrons that she has removed to 710 Grace street where she is in a position to do all kinds of Ladies' Tailoring, Fancy Gowns, Shirt Waists and odd skirts. Especial attention is given to out-of-town orders. No increase in price. Miss Minnie Wallace. 710 Grace street. Phone 564 fe-12-2w

THE GILBERT HOUSE, corner of Front and Princess streets steam heat, electric lights, hot and cold water. Regular transient and table board. Rates by the week A. M. Gilbert. nov 5 tf

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 719 se 22-tf

CONDENSED STATEMENT

of the condition of the

Southern National Bank

Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of business February 14, 1908. Condensed from official report to the Government.

RESOURCES		
Loans and Discounts		$ 853,765.29
Overdrafts		3,268.07
United States Bonds and Premium		258,454.10
First Mortgage Railroad bonds (market value $62,700.00)		60,575.00
Furniture, Fixtures and Safes		6,780.49
Cash and Reserve		
Due from other banks	$500,142.85	
Cash in our Vaults	74,490.25	$ 574,633.10
		$1,757,476.05
LIABILITIES		
Capital		$ 200,000.00
Surplus		100,000.00
Undivided Profits, net		24,292.24
Circulation		200,000.00
Deposits.		
Banks	$705,544.76	
United States Government	104,000.00	
Individuals	423,639.05	$1,233,183.81
		$1,757,476.05

C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

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STATEMENT

Report of the condition of the ATLANTIC TRUST & BANKING CO., Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business February 14, 1908.

RESOURCES.		
Loans	$587,519.71	
Demand Loans	17,409 44	$604,929 15
Bonds		9,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures		100 00
Gold Coin		270 00
Silver Coin		460 29
Nat. Bank and U. S. Notes.		1,696 00
Due From Banks		66,729 17
Total		$683,184 61
LIABILITIES.		
Capital Stock		$ 50,000 00
Net Profits		31,126 76
Cashier's Checks		721 36
Certified Checks		52 94
Accrued Interest due depositors		4,500 00
Demand Certificates	$ 49,383.56	
Deposits	549,399.99	$596,783 55
Total		$683,184 61

I, Milton Calder, Cashier of the Atlantic Trust & Banking Co., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MILTON CALDER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of February, 1908.

W. B. DRAKE, JR., Notary Public.

Commission expires August 21, 1908.

Correct Attest:

C. W. YATES,
B. H. J. AHRENS,
B. SOLOMON,
Directors.

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State of North Carolina,
New Hanover County,
Superior Court.

John T. Riley and Henry C. Riley, copartners trading and doing business under the style and firm name of Chas. S. Riley & Company, who sue in behalf of themselves and all other creditors Plaintiffs.

vs.

W. T. Sears & Company, Inc., Defendant.

NOTICE.

TO ALL CREDITORS OF W. T. SEARS & COMPANY, Inc.

Please take notice by decree of Hon. W. H. Neal, Judge riding the Fifth Judicial District of North Carolina, you are directed to file with the undersigned receivers of the said W. T. Sears & Company, Inc., any and all claims or other evidences of debt that you have against the said company duly verified according to law, on or before the 20th day of March, 1908, or you shall be barred in participating in the assets of the defendant company.

This the 20th day of February, 1908.

HENRY C. RILEY,
JOHN D. BELLAMY,
Receivers of W. T. Sears & Co., Inc.

fe 21-3w

—FOR— WEDDINGS

our stock of plain 18 karat gold seamless wedding rings are the correct and latest styles. Our assortment of fine diamonds, precious stones, watches, table silver, cut glass and China for wedding presents, show a bewildering variety from which to select. Ask about the "Thermos Bottle." Expert Watch work and Engraving.

F. A. BISSINGER.

119 MARKET STREET.

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Academy of Music

TUESDAY NIGHT FEB. 25TH.

Championship Wrestling Bout

WENICK vs. MULDOON

Other Big Athletic Features.

Prices—50 and 75 cents.

Seats on sale Monday at Plummer's.

fe 22 3t

Hugh MacRae & Co.

SOUTHERN SECURITIES

Cotton Mill Stocks a Specialty

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Being
The Best Newspaper
with
The Largest Circulation,
there is no doubt about
The Morning Star
being THE advertising medium of Wilmington.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Greensboro, Feb. 22.—The Greensboro baseball team have engaged Mr. James Mekevitt, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, as manager for the team which Greensboro will maintain in the Carolina league. Last year Mr. Mckevitt was manager of the Danville team.

—West Durham, Feb. 22: Mr. L. E. Picket, the new postmaster for West Durham, is now in charge of the office as a full-fledged postmaster. The action of the Senate in confirming the appointment of Mr. Pickett, this day before yesterday, put him in full charge.

—Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 21.—Landis is to have another big cotton mill and already half of the $100,000 of stock has been subscribed. Work on this new enterprise is to begin by the first of May. Mr. E. G. Mills, of Landis, is one of the prime movers in this mill and says it is a certainty.

—Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 22.—Mr. H. T. Ham, of this city, has bought the old spoke and bending works, together with seventeen lots, for the sum of $3,800. The property was sold at auction by Garland Daniel, and contains seven acres of ground which is located on the main line of the Southern Railroad two blocks this side of the Fair Grounds.

—Elizabeth City, N. C., Feb. 22.—Late Thursday night the following message was received here from Norfolk. Tired of struggling against the uphill fight of life, Carrol G. Pool, of Elizabeth City, N. C., a solicitor for the Tar Heel, was found dead in bed at 42 Fenchurch street this afternoon, having committed suicide by swallowing a mixture of tincture of arinca and laudanum sometime during the night.

—Wilson, Feb. 22.—Not that it is spurious, but of pure gold—and Carolina gold at that. Mr. E. F. Killette has in his possession a rare but queer piece of money inasmuch as it bears no date indicating when it was coined. On one side of this piece of State money is this inscription: "A Bechtler, 1 Dol," on the reverse side "Carolina Gold, 27g. 21c." This piece of money is not quite so large as a nickle a little thicker than a silver dime.

—Kinston Daily Free Press: Several weeks ago Engineer Butt, on the N. & S. had his eye severely hurt by being poked with a stick as he leaned from his cab to take a note from a friend. At the time it was feared that he would lose his eyesight, but the pupil was not injured and his sight has entirely recovered. Engineer Butt returned to his run on the N. & S. yesterday.

—Oxford, Feb. 22.—A sad accident occurred Thursday near Stem. Mr. Sam P. Washington, a farmer living near Stem, was killed by being thrown from his buggy against the side of a house while his horse was running, having taken fright suddenly. Mr. Washington was an uncle of Mr. Thos. M. Washington, of Wilson member of the Legislature. The terrible accident cast a gloom over the neighborhood where Mr. Washington has many friends.

—Greensboro, Feb. 21.—The residence of J. K. Lea, in Dudley street, facting the A. and M. College, was destroyed by fire last night, and it was by hard work on the part of the firemen that the residence of President Dudley, of the colored A. and M. College, was saved. The building was a ten-room two-story frame structure and was valued at about $1,500. There was some insurance on the house and its contents. It is not known how the fire originated as the family were at supper when the alarm sounded.

Lexington, Feb. 21— Yesterday afternoon at the factory of the Dixie Furniture Company there came very near being a fire but fortunately, it was discovered before any headway was gained. A small frame box, used as a ventilator and directly over the boiler room, caught fire and was in full blaze when some one detected it and gave the alarm. The fire was quickly extinguished. A stiff wind was blowing and in a very few minutes the fire would have gained considerable headway.

—Salisbury, Feb. 21.—The first Greek funeral ever conducted in this city took place Tuesday, when Rev. C. H. Demtery, of the Orthodox Christian Patriarchial Church of Constantinople, who was sent for by the Greek colony, came from Atlanta to conduct the funeral of one of their countrymen, young George Phontos, who died suddenly. Phontos was a bright, energetic man and conducted a cafe. He was succeeding well and looked forward to saving a neat sum of money and returning to his kinspeople and his native land.

—High Point, Feb. 21.—W. W. Harkins, of the revenue force, came up from Greensboro last evening and seized two five gallon kegs of whiskey which Officer Gray had located in the depot, having arrived here from Salisbury as baggage. The liquor was today sent to Greensboro to Mr. Harkins. Officer Gray watched around the depot for some time expecting the man who held the check for the baggage to come forward and get his goods, but the party evidently "smelt" a rat and decided to give up his large quantity of bug juice rather than face a term in the penitentiary.

—Charlotte, Feb. 21.—Dave Gregory was this morning sentenced to serve a term of twelve years in the State penitentiary at Raleigh for the murder of his father, Zeke Gregory, in the northern part of the county, a month ago. There was a touching scene in the crowded court room when Judge Webb pronounced sentence. The Judge stated that it was one of the saddest acts he had ever been called upon to perform to sentence a son for killing his father, and that, too, over the most trifling circumstances. Young Gregory was the mainstay of an aged mother and a young wife, both of whom will be left behind.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist Carolina Place: Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon "Mind." All are invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor. Sexagesima Sunday. German service 11 A. M. English vesper service 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Meeting of the Men's Christian Association, 4:30 P. M. Wednesday night service (Memorial Building) 8:15 P. M. A cordial invitation is extended to the general public to participate in these services.

St. John's Church: 11 A. M., Morning prayer and sermon. Sunday School at 4 P. M. 5 P. M. Evening prayer, short address. W. E. Cox, Rector. Strangers cordially invited.

Church of the Good Shepherd, corner Sixth and Queen streets: Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Evening Prayer and sermon at 7:30 P. M. Seats free; strangers cordially invited to attend. Rev. Thos. P. Noe, rector.

Advent Christian Church, Sixth and Church streets, Elder J. T. Johnson, pastor, residence 610 South Second street: The order of services for Sunday will be as follows: Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subfect for morning, "The Three Steps in Christian Experience." Evening, "Wonderful Lessons From Prophets." Willing Workers' weekly meeting will be Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the church. Sunday School on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, W. J. Reaves, superintendent, H. G. Saunders, secretary. Prayer meeting at the church Tuesday Night at 7:30. Cottage prayer meeting Friday night before the monthly church conference. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to all these meetings. The choir is rendering excellent music.

Trinity M. E. Church South, corner Ninth and Market streets, Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor; Preaching today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. To all these services the public is cordially invited.

Grace M. E. Church, South, Rev. T. A. Smoot, pastor: Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M., M. F. Allen, Superintendent. All are cordially invited.

Bladen Street M. E. Church, Rev. W. E. Hocutt, pastor: Services today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. A cordial invitation to all to attend the services.

St. Paul's Episcopal church, corner Fourth and Orange, Rev. A. W. Seabrease, rector. Morning service 11 o'clock; Sunday School at 3:30 o'clock. Evening service at 8 o'clock.

Fifth Street Methodist Church, Rev. K. D. Holmes, pastor. Services today at 11:00 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Preaching by pastor. Sunday School at 3:00 P. M.; Prayer Meeting Wednesday night at 8:00 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

At St. James' Church today, the services, 7:45 A. M., 11 A. M., and 5 P. M. Sunday School at 3:45 P. M. All are invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church: North Fourth street, Rev. George S. Bearden, pastor: Services at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 10 A. M. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The public cordially invited.

Church of Christ, corner of Seventh and Orange streets: Services today will be as follows: Bible School at 10 o'clock. Preaching and communion at 11 o'clock. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:45 P. M. Preaching at 7:30. Today will close the services of the present pastor. He will give a report of work at the morning service which ought to be heard by every member. In the evening he will give one of his popular lectures on "The Wandering Boy, or From the Pig Pen to the Parlor." This will be interesting to young men. Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 and Teachers' Training Class after prayer meeting. The services today will be in charge of the pastor, Rev. F. L. Davis. You are invited to attend any and all of the services.

First Baptist Church, Rev. Fred D. Hale, pastor: Preaching today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. by Rev. Frank C. Brown, D. D. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Prayer and praise worday at 8 P. M. Prayer and praise worship Wednesday at 8 P. M. B. Y. P. U. Friday at 8 P. M.

Big Jumps by Rabbits.

How fast do hares and rabbits run? Perhaps you have wondered while out gunning and watched the elusive animals speeding away. According to J. G. Millais, the length of a hare's stride is about four feet, while that of a rabbit is about two feet. Under conditions of fear the hare is said to leap ten to twelve feet, some authorities claiming that it can jump ditches ten to twenty-five feet in width. A hare can jump upward perpendicularly five feet. Rabbits can make leaps of six or seven feet horizontally, but cannot jump higher than three feet. When compelled to do so, it is said, rabbits can swim as well as dogs.—Philadelphia North American.

A Bright Bird.

The cuckoo is as likely to steal its nest as to make it, but this fact does not take from the point of the following pun, quoted from Short Stories:

A young Englishman being asked at dinner whether he would have some bird's nest pudding, said, turning to his hostess: "Ah, yes. Bird's nest pudding, and what kind of a bird may have made it?"

"Oh, it was the cook who made it," was her prompt reply.

Not Always.

"Remember, my boy," said Uncle James as he gave Bobby a coin, "that if you take care of the pennies the shillings will take care of themselves."

Bobby looked a trifle dubious.

"I do take care of the pennies," he replied, "but as soon as they get to be shillings pa takes care of 'em."—London Tit-Bits.

Star Scintillation.

Much of the beauty of the stars depends upon their scintillation. The multitudinous flashing of their tiny rays gives a wonderful life and brilliance to a winter's night. The great star Sirius excites the most admiration when, near the horizon, it corruscates with rainbow hues. But the astronomer would be glad if he could put a stop to the scintillation of the stars. That unsteadiness of their light is one of the chief obstacles he has to overcome in studying them with the telescope. Scintillation has generally been regarded as due only to slight disturbances in the atmosphere. But as recent observations have shown that red stars scintillate less than white ones it has been suggested that the causes for some of the essential differences in the scintillations of different stars may be in the stars themselves. There is no doubt, however, that the main cause of scintillation depends upon the condition of the air.—Minneapolis Journal.

His Cheerful Invitation.

Although Johnnie's and Willie's mothers are warm friends, those boys are always fighting each other. After a recent battle the victorious Johnnie was urged by his mother to go and make friends with his fallen foe. She even offered to give him a party if he would go over and invite Willie to come to that festivity. After much urging Johnnie promised to do as his mother wished. So the party came off at the appointed time and was violently enjoyed by all present. But Willie did not come.

"Now, Johnnie, you did invite him?" asked Johnnie's mother.

"Yes, I did! Yes, ma'am, I invited him!" answered Johnnie. "I invited him," he added reflectively, "and I dared him to come."—Harper's Weekly.

SALE OF JUDGMENT.

Pursuant to an order to me directed, issued by the Court in the case of the Union Trust Company et al vs. the Southern Saw Mills and Lumber Company et al, I will sell at public sale at the United States court room, at Wilmington, North Carolina, at public auction, for cash, on Monday, March 2nd, 1908, at 12 o'clock M., all the right, title and interest in a certain Judgment entered in said cause against W. J. Edwards on the 18th day of January 1908, to the highest bidder. No bid will be received for less than $400.00. Further particulars may be obtained from the undersigned.

A. H. SLOCOMB, Receiver,
fe 19 10t Fayetteville, N. C.

WE DO
HOUSECLEANING
with
FRESH AIR ONLY
Without Soap, Chemicals or other Preparations
OUR NEW ELECTRIC MACHINE
Thoroughly Renovates and Cleans Everything in the House from Cellar to Garret without inconvenience of moving. Free Demonstration.
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Southern Building,
Phone 870. Wilmington, N. C.
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State of North Carolina,
New Hanover County,

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to notify the public that the undersigned owner of the Steamers Lillian and E. K. Bishop, will not be responsible for any supplies furnished, or any wages due or to become due, in the operation of said boats, as they are rented to the Angola Lumber Company, and the Angola Lumber Company will be responsible for all wages and supplies furnished from and after the 11th day of February, A. D. 1908.

C. MADISON RILEY,
Owner.

ACADEMY
MONDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY 24TH.

Dandy Dixie Minstrels
Greatest Colored Aggregation on the Road.
Seats on sale Saturday.
fe 20 3t thu fri sun

MAKE HAY....
and let us Sell you a
HAY PRESS.
to be worked by horse power, making neat small bales. Bagging and Ties are going to be in good demand and you should buy now.
Full stock Heavy Groceries.
The Worth Co.

ODDS AND ENDS SALE
Comprising several lines of High Grade Shoes for Men and Women which we prefer to sacrifice rather than carry over to another season. See what good shoes we offer at very low prices.
Several Styles of Men's Patent and Plain Leather were $5.00 now $3.48. Several Styles of Men's Patent and Plain Leather were $3.50 and $4.00 now $2.95. Several styles of Ladies' Patent and Plain Leather were $3.00, $3.50 and $4.00 now $2.50. Several styles of Ladies Patent and Plain Leather were $2.50 now $1.90.
Big reduction on Felt Slippers, Colored Over Gaiters and Children's Leggings in all Colors.
Our Shoes at above prices, will certainly pay the buyer a large dividend on a very small investment.
This Sale Starts WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th.
Early purchasers get better selections.
HEWLETT & PRICE
109 MARKET STREET.
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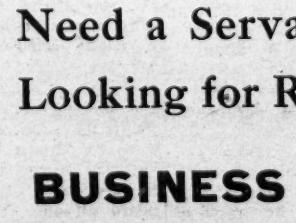
SPRING OPENING of DUNLAP HATS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY, 15th
We have not missed a style that's correct. Most men buy hats in an off-hand way—as if it were a matter of little account. It's a bad idea, for nothing so makes or mars a man's appearance as his hat.
Spring Derbies, $5, $3.50


Spring Soft Hats, $5, $3.50
Don't accept an indifferent hat or indifferent attention from any one in fitting you.
If you come here for your spring hat we will fit your head so it will feel a pleasure to you.
Silk and opera hats $8.00 and $7.00.
J. M. SOLKY & CO.
THE ONE PRICE CLOTHIER
Masonic Temple Building. Front Street
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GET WHAT YOU WANT
Lost Something?
Need a Servant?
Looking for Rooms?
TRY A BUSINESS LOCAL

Schedule Steamer Atlantic
Effective September 1st.
Until further notice, Steamer Atlantic will leave Southport daily at 7:30 o'clock A. M. Leave Wilmington daily, except Sunday, at 2-30 o'clock P. M.
M. T. CRAIG,
Phone 764. General Manager.

Fresh New Salmon
600 Cases
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Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar Rocky Mount	1:35 pm	11:40 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	3:30 am
Ar Norfolk	6:05 pm	
Ar Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	5:27 am
Ar Richmond	8:00 pm	6:10 am
Ar Washington	11:50 pm	9:50 am
Ar Baltimore	1:43 am	11:23 am
Ar Philadelphia	4:21 am	1:41 pm
Ar New York	7:23 am	4:13 pm

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	No. 41.	No. 43.
Lv New York	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar Philadelphia	11:37 am	12:15 am
Ar Baltimore	2:12 pm	2:51 am
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Lv Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar Weldon	9:59 pm	11:30 am
Ar Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
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Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:35 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:30 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm	11:10 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:37 pm	7:30 am
Ar Sav'n.	6:50 pm	2:59 am	9:54 am
Ar. J'k'ville		9:00 am	2:30 pm
Ar. Tampa		7:15 pm	11:00 pm

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	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:20 am
Lv. Jacksonville	9:30 am	7:25 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:41 pm	11:59 am
Lv. Charleston	6:12 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	8:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:34 pm	8:35 am
Ar Wilmington	12:55 am	1:20 pm

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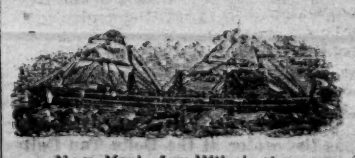
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(Continued From Last Sunday.)

"You—you don't expect to 'ave no immejit use for that 'ere thing, do you, Mr. Williams?"

"Don't know," said Richard unconcernedly. "I might, and then, again, I might not. It depends. Pretty little toy, isn't it?" Bills licked his lips and said nothing. The Texan continued: "You see, I always try to keep it in working order, because you can never tell when you've got to whip it out and get down to real enjoyable work. Why, you really wouldn't believe it, Bills, but I haven't shot a man since I left Texas—two whole weeks," he added despondently, shook his head and then began dripping oil in the pistol's lock.

"I suppose," said the valet, by way of filling in the gap of another pause, "I suppose that down w'ere you live, sir, they—they don't mind—er—murderin' of people, Mr. Williams, sir?"

"Shucks!" laughed Richard. "What's a man or two? A bang—a yell—and it's all over. Of course they die hard sometimes, but that's their affair."

The irresponsible person took up his whistling once more, while the muzzle of his carelessly held gun seemed to point persistently at the pit of the valet's stomach, in which, by the way, there was growing a queerly responsive feeling.

"Beg pardon, sir, but—but it isn't loaded, is it?"

"Not yet," smiled Richard. "I'll attend to that later. Besides, I wouldn't hurt you, my boy; no, not for £300—cash down."

The sum was not a large one, yet the particular amount seemed to grate upon the servant's sensitiveness. He cast a longing glance toward the door, but the Texan was already filling the chambers of his revolver, so Bills perforce sat still and watched him, experiencing a separate and distinct spasm as each cartridge nestled into its crib. Richard laughed softly, as at some pleasurable memory.

"By the way, Friend Woolsey, I don't know why I think of it just now, but a mighty funny thing happened down in Texas a couple of years ago. I had a contract with a fellow—chap about your size and age as I remember him, with a charming disregard for keeping promises similar to yours. He broke his contract."

In the awkward pause which followed the surviving partner in the deal drew a fine bead on the tassel of the window curtain and smiled.

"Where is he now, sir?"

Richard shrugged his shoulders.

"Did—did you kill him, sir?" feebly began the unfortunate Bills again, feeling a sudden and unaccountable draft blowing on his spine.

"Well, no," said Richard dreamily, "I didn't. That's the funny part of it. I tied him to a tree and shot away portions of him that didn't count."

"Count, sir?"

"Yes, parts that are not vital, you understand—such as ears and fingers and kneecaps and things like that. Why, you wouldn't believe it, Bills, but you can chip away at a man for half a day if you're only careful. You see, I had plenty of leisure time on my hands—almost as much as I have now—so there wasn't any hurry and rush about it. That was a rifle. I had a hatful of cartridges and an extra gun to use when the other got too hot for quick firing. A double acting revolver is better for household use."

Once more Richard paused to laugh, twirling his gun around airily in his quick fingers in retrospective joy. "Oh, I say!" he cried. "You just ought to have heard that fellow when I began to pick off his knuckle bones. Knuckle bones, you know, seem to be very sensitive to sudden shock, and in this particular instance I had no earthly cause to complain. Perhaps you are wondering how I could shoot so accurately. Well, I'll tell you." Richard leaned forward and confided in a pleased whisper, "I had just oiled my gun."

Bills now began to sober up with astonishing rapidity. His putty-like complexion had grown grayer still, while his eyes were watery, wandering about in the fruitless hope of detecting some avenue of escape. Even his hair seemed to stir restlessly on his head, and a feeling of weakness and nausea came over him.

"Wot—wot became of the gentleman, sir?" he asked, with a choky click in his voice.

"Gentleman?" repeated Richard absently. "What gentleman?"

"W'y, the—target gentleman, sir, the one as was losin' parts of 'isself that don't count, Mr. Williams, sir. I mean"—

"Oh, yes, yes!" laughed the Texan. "I was thinking of something else. You mean my contract man? I don't remember exactly. He was alive when I left him, I believe, but I rather think the crows got him in the end." There was another pause, in which Richard listened intently. "Ah!" he exclaimed. "I believe I hear Miss Renwyck coming downstairs. Hadn't you better see her before we go for our ride?"

Bills breathed hard, thought for awhile, then looked up timidly.

"M' lord"—

"Don't call me my lord," said Richard so sharply that the servant nearly fell out of his chair. "I have no right to that title now—since we've parted company. No; I'm just plain Mr. Williams, cow puncher, man eater, anything you like except an English nobleman."

"But—but—m' lord," persisted Bills, rising unsteadily and becoming the respectful servant once more, "I don't want to leave you, sir. Candid, Mr. Williams, sir, I'll serve you faithful; 'deed I will. It was only the drink wot made me forgit meself, Lord Williams, sir—I mean—good Gawd! M' lord, you won't think of shootin' at my knuckle bones when I was only foolin', sir—when"—

"Oh, is that it?" Richard interrupted. "It was a joke, then?"

"Yes, sir."

"My! What a delicate humor you Englishmen have! Am I to understand that you will continue to be my servant on the original terms of agreement?"

"It would make me 'appy, m' lord, oh, so 'appy!"

"Very well," said Richard. "I'll give you another trial. But understand me, Bills, there must be no more nonsense!"

"No, sir."

"No more brandy?"

"No, sir."

"And you will obey me implicitly in everything?"

"I will, so 'elp me!"

"All right," smiled the Texan. "I'll give you an order as a starter. Just get those new riding boots of Lord Croyland's, will you, and put them on—break them in for me? I may be out for several hours. You will walk up and down in them until I return."

"But—but," protested Bills, "them boots is too small for you, sir—I mean, your lordship—an' my foot is bigger'n yours, sir."

"I know that perfectly," answered Richard pleasantly. Singular how Bills had never before recognized how pleasant his master could be! "We'll kill two birds with one stone. Not only will you break those boots for me, but per contra at the same time you may be reminded of what it means to break a contract with me. Am I clear?"

The valet sat limp and speechless. He made no move to obey the harsh command, so Richard turned on his heel, crossed to the window and stood looking out among the trees.

"Bills," he asked presently, "have you noticed how many crows are flying about the place? I never observed them before."

"Yes, yes, m' lord!" the servant gasped. "I've noticed 'em frequent, sir, an'—an', awskin' your pardon, sir, I'm ready to put the boots on."

Richard watched the operation in grim enjoyment. The fit was a tight one, but Bills accomplished the feat at last, though the perspiration came out on his forehead in copious profusion.

"Thank you," said the Texan simply and departed without giving any further directions.

He enjoyed his ride with Miss Harriet hugely. For three long, blissful hours he cantered with her on beautiful country roads, where the air was sweet and invigorating, where the scent of wild flowers came to them and the fragrance of the wild woods sweeter still in the deepening dusk. A hundred times he was on the verge of confessing all, of throwing himself upon the mercy of her gentleness, but a warning something held him in check, and in spite of his impulses—like the sailor in the opera—he remained an Englishman. Once she turned to him with sparkling eyes.

"Do you know," she said, "there are times when you remind me so of a man I chanced to meet that—that"—

"The cowboy?" Richard asked.

She made no answer, but flushed and gave free rein to her eager horse, while the Texan spurred after her, laying a firm hand upon her bridle arm.

"And if I were he would it make a difference then—a difference, I mean, in winning your respect and trust, and"—

"How absurd you are!" she laughed in swift interruption. "Have I not given you both already? My cowboy is but a memory, and you—why, gracious, how late it's getting! We shall never be in time for dinner! Come!"

If Richard and Miss Harriet enjoyed their afternoon, the same could not be said of Bills. For three long hours the servant did penance for his sins, knowing not which ached the most—his head, his heart or his tender feet. To walk was agony. To sit was to suffer with a gnawing, burning heat that ever increased as his feet began to swell. At the end of the first half hour he determined to run away, to hide himself somewhere in the wilderness of New York, where his master might seek for him in vain. Immediately, however, a stumbling block presented itself. To get into the boots had been difficult. To get out of them proved to be an utter impossibility, and to run anywhere with such an agonizing handicap was out of the question. True, he might have cut them off, but in view of the thought of crows and knuckle bones he preferred to bear his martyrdom.

Richard found him seated on the edge of the bathtub, with his feet in half an inch of warm water—a mutineer reduced, like his boots, to a pitiable pulp.

"Hello, Woolsey," Richard asked cheerfully, "what's up?"

"M' lord," the valet wailed, "for Gawd's sake, 'elp me, sir, for I'd rather 'ave you shoot me in the parts wot doesn't count than wear these 'ere blasted boots fer another minute, Mr. Williams, sir, if you'll be so good."

"That'll cost me a pair of boots to Croyland," thought Richard over his cigar as he dismissed the wretched valet to seek relief below stairs. "But I rather think it was money well spent."

CHAPTER XIII.

On Wednesday morning two items appeared in one of the New York newspapers, neither of which would strike a casual reader as being important; but, so far as this narrative is concerned, they led to complications. The first was an obviously exaggerated report and read as follows:

TEXAN FATALLY INJURED.

Mr. Richard Williams, son of the famous millionaire and cattle king of San Antonio, Tex., was severely injured on Sunday last in an automobile accident. He was taken to St. Luke's hospital, where our reporter called last evening. Mr. Williams was too prostrated by the shock to be interviewed, but we learn from one in authority that the young man is suffering from concussion of the brain, besides sustaining a fracture of the shoulder and internal injuries. The accident was due to the carelessness of an inexperienced chauffeur, who gave his name as Peter Wilson, but whose address had not been ascertained up to a late hour last night. The police are making inquiries.

The above paragraph chanced to catch the eye of a certain Mr. Loger, who had taken the morning train for Chicago. He was an intimate friend of old Bill Williams and would have gone to look after the son himself except that urgent business necessitated the continuance of his journey west. Mr. Loger therefore wired his friend from Pittsburg, stating that Richard had been hurt and lay at the point of death in a New York hospital.

On receiving this startling information the father became greatly agitated. He had not heard from Richard for several days and had begun to worry even before the receipt of Mr. Loger's telegram. He wired at once to the St. Regis, where he knew his son to be stopping, and received an answer to the effect that Richard Williams had not been seen since the previous Monday morning, though his dress suit case and other belongings were still in room No. 926, which had not been given up.

Bill Williams, who loved his son as he loved no other being on earth, committed the deep water harbor and improvement business to his most trusted subordinate, although affairs had reached a critical stage, and started for New York on a special train.

The other newspaper item appeared in the social column under the head of "Gossip." It read as follows:

On Friday evening of the present week an entertainment will be given in the beautiful country home of Mr. Jacob Renwyck, at Irvington-on-the-Hudson. Among other features a little one act play will be presented, entitled "The Man and the Bird," in which Miss Imogene Chittendon, one of the season's most charming debutantes, will take the part of the bird, while the charming and accomplished Miss Renwyck will assume the leading role, wearing a costume ordered specially for the occasion and the famous Renwyck diamonds. The entertainment, we understand, is given to a few intimate friends in honor of a distinguished guest, Lord George Fitz-Clarence de Courcy Howard, earl of Croyland. The affair promises to be an unusually brilliant one.

This breezy but otherwise unremarkable item caught the attention of one Jack Bibbs, a gentleman possessed of much ingenuity, some varied experience, quite a collection of aliases and a passion for acquisition. He had received no invitation to the above mentioned social function, though he hoped to profit thereby in ways best known to himself.

Mr. Michael Corrigan, returning from a business meeting in the city, took the 12 o'clock train for Irvington and went into the smoker, where he seated himself and lighted a short black pipe, the pet aversion of his refined brother-in-law, Jacob Renwyck, who visited most of his disgust upon his unfortunate wife. His business transactions in the city evidently pleased Uncle Michael vastly, for that gentleman kept chuckling to himself and rubbing his plump white hands in the manner of one upon whom good fortune has descended suddenly.

After a time his attention was arrested by two men on the seat opposite him. They were engaged in a whispered conversation while they ate their lunch from a brown paper parcel. To a casual observer there was nothing unusual in the appearance of the two passengers. They were roughly clad, unshaven and apparently poor, having the air of workingmen out of a job. Mr. Corrigan would probably have not noticed them at all except that one of them—the better looking, who if he had been shaved and well clad might have been called good looking—had a slight cast in his eye, a physical blemish which the old gentleman had ever regarded as a sort of name plate on the front door of a scalawag. He saw the man only a moment or two before getting out of the train, and in the stress of far more important matters the incident passed out of his mind. It was recalled later on. He was sitting on the front porch of Restmore, where he had just taken luncheon, when a tramp entered the place and came timidly to the house, begging for food in the usual professional whine.

Mr. Corrigan had small patience with tramps and was about to order him off the place when something changed his mind. The fellow had a cast in his eye. He recognized him instantly. It struck the old gentleman at once as being singular that this man should claim to be starving when not two hours before he had been eating heartily from a brown paper parcel in the train. Tramps did not usually travel by train—not inside of them, at any rate—which was an additional cause for suspicion. Uncle Michael determined to investigate the matter further, so he led the tramp to the back of the house, where a plate of bread and meat was set before him. He ate sparingly for a hungry man, but took in the premises with a seemingly careless eye, while the account he gave of himself was far from satisfactory. He claimed to have come from Albany on foot, as was shown by the travel stained condition of his shoes, which was clearly a lie, for Mr. Corrigan had seen him traveling in an entirely opposite direction and was more convinced than ever that a cast in the eye was the brand of a scoundrel. He declined to give the fellow money and watched him suspiciously until he left the place, feeling instinctively that something would bring him back again.

Richard, who was sitting on the lawn with Miss Harriet, had also seen the tramp as he limped through the open carriage gate into the road. Bills had ridden over to Tarrytown in quest of pipe tobacco for his master and was stopped by the vagrant at the entrance of the drive. Richard saw him bend in his saddle, confer with the man for a moment or two, then turn into the stable yard. Presently he reappeared and crossed to his master with the tobacco which he had secured.

"Navy Capstan, m' lord," he stated triumphantly, "the kind wot you smokes at 'ome, sir."

"Thanks," said Richard. "By the way, Bills, what was that queer looking beggar saying to you just now?"

Bills started slightly, as one ashamed of being seen in such evil company.

"Oh, 'im? Yes, sir. W'y, 'e was awskin' his way to the station, m' lord. A rum sort, I calls 'im, sir, beggin' your pardon for"—

"Yes, yes, Bills," Richard reproved, with a show of impatience. "That will do. You may go."

The valet bowed respectfully and departed, while Miss Harriet looked at her companion in polite surprise.

"Why are you so short with him?" she asked. "To me he is perfectly delicious. I don't believe he ever laughed in all his life, did he?"

"Don't know, I'm sure," drawled Richard lazily. "I curb his tongue from necessity. The fellow is inclined to be loquacious. At times I am forced to—ah—sit on him."

Miss Renwyck laughed.

"Do you know," she said, "you are becoming an American very rapidly? Really, I am beginning to be quite vain of my success with a first pupil."

"My dear young lady," the Texan answered in a tone half banter, half in earnest, which was deeper than she dreamed, "if you should wish it I'd gladly become—er—a kangaroo."

Again Miss Renwyck laughed till the silvery echoes reached the ears of Michael Corrigan, who lounged on the front veranda.

"By George," he chuckled to himself as he rubbed his hands in the manner characteristic of him, "that young man is making progress!"

In the evening when Mr. Renwyck came up from the city Mr. Corrigan took him aside and related the day's experience with the tramp, suggesting that a detective be employed while the valuable lot of diamonds was in the house. The two gentlemen, as has already been stated, never got on together peaceably. If one of them offered a suggestion the other found reason to combat it vigorously, and in this case Mr. Renwyck took the opposite side with a vengeance, poohpoohing the possibility of theft from start to finish.

"Why, my dear Michael," he said in a tone of undisguised scorn, "what you say is nonsense, pure and simple. The house is equipped from top to bottom with a perfect system of burglar alarms, which I set myself each night. Unless there is collusion with some person on the inside I not only defy any light fingered gentleman to enter, but I give him a cordial invitation to try. No, sir! If you want to put a Gatling gun in your own house, do so by all means. In mine I have no room for artillery or an army of Pinkertons. Now, don't you see how absurd you are?"

"All right," assented Mr. Corrigan. "I've warned you, and that's all I've got to say. They're not my diamonds."

"Just wait a moment, Michael," said Mr. Renwyck, walking after him. "I want to show you what an idiotic stand you have taken. You say the man has a cast in his eye. Very good; I'll admit that, but I venture to say that in the state of New York there are from twenty to thirty thousand people with casts in their eyes. You claim that it is a mark of rascality. I don't agree with you. My own father had a cast in his eye."

"Don't doubt it in the least," snapped Mr. Corrigan. "That explains it. I've often wondered"—

"Come, come," laughed Mr. Renwyck; "you gain nothing by being personal. But listen. You saw a man in the train—though you confess you only glanced at him—and immediately recognized him as a bristly murderer who has committed the crime of being hungry. Did you see murderer No. 1 get off the train? No, of course not. He is probably dining in the bosom of his humble but honest family, while you, my dear sir, are aching to clap him in the penitentiary." Mr. Renwyck paused to laugh. "Really, Michael, you amuse me. Age is responsible for bad eyesight perhaps, but it is your poor old brain that troubles me. You have developed into a fussy old woman—Miss Michaela Corrigan, spinster, sixty-one and afraid to say 'boo' to a bat."

The old lawyer paused suddenly in

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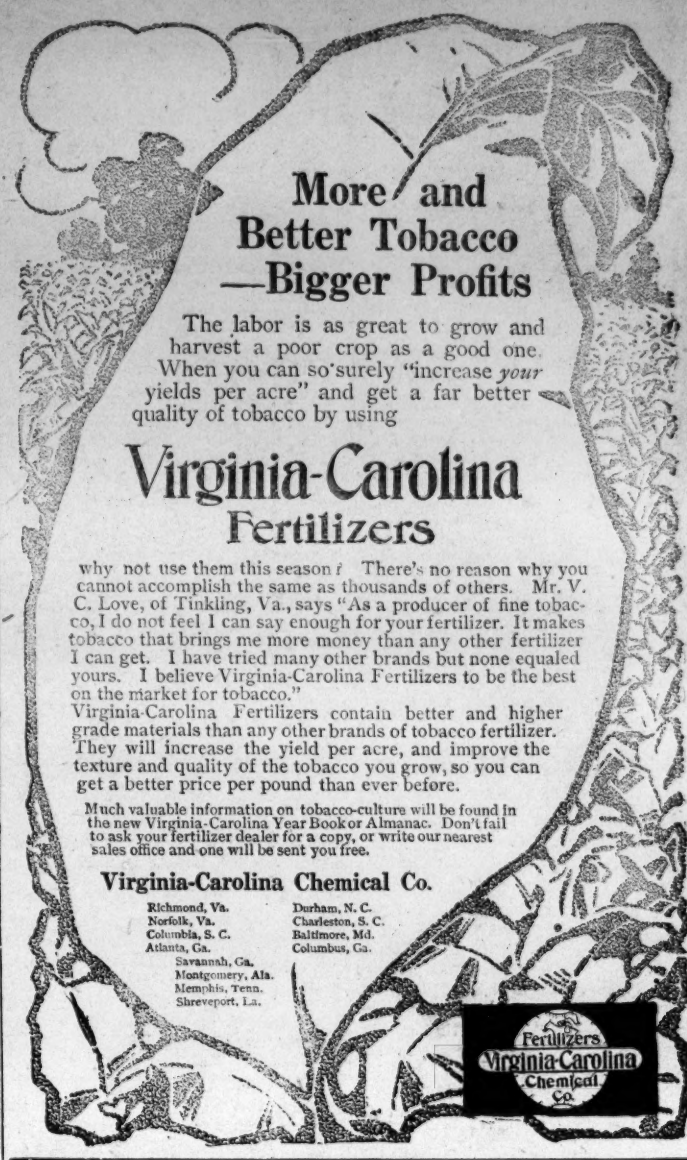
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his walk and thrust the ferrule of his cane deep into the gravel path.

"Jacob," he said in a tone of suppressed anger, "that will do. You have gone just a little too far. I told you what I thought without any wish for an argument, and now I'll tell you something else. I don't care whether you lose your diamonds and plate or not. What's more, I hope you will. Good night."

He had intended staying for dinner, but changed his mind and swung rapidly away, while Mr. Renwyck looked after him, laughing merrily.

"Oh, I say, Michaela!" he called. "Don't forget to look under your bed tonight. You might find a burglar with a cast in his eye."

For once Mr. Renwyck had got the better of his brother-in-law, and the fact pleased him immensely.

"The poor old granny!" he muttered as he went into the house. "Upon my word, I'm astonished at him!"

It may be stated that, contrary to Mr. Corrigan's flat denial, that gentleman did take further interest in the possible burglary, if only to prove his own theory. On the following night three private detectives came out to Irvington and stole separately to the lawyer's house. About 11 o'clock, accompanied by Mr. Corrigan in person, they concealed themselves at various points of vantage on the Renwyck place and awaited developments. The night was damp and gloomy—most excellent weather conditions for a housebreaking party, but with disadvantages for amateur detectives at the advanced age of sixty-one. Beyond a touch of rheumatism Mr. Corrigan bagged nothing, and the morning found him a very disgruntled old gentleman. However, there was a humorous side to the vigil, and with this the old lawyer consoled himself.

"Lord!" he chuckled. "The joke's on me this time, but I wouldn't have Jacob find it out—no, not for a thousand dollars cash."

Meanwhile Mr. Renwyck, having scored decisively on Uncle Michael, enjoyed his dinner as a victor should. He was in the best of spirits, not alone because of his triumph, but because of certain cheerful developments which had come to light at the meeting of the stockholders of his new deep water harbor company. He was so elated over his certain success that he cast out broad hints which were mystifying enigmas to all present with the exception of Richard, who understood only too well. To him they meant the collapse of his father's cherished hopes, while he, a dutiful son, was forced to sit calmly and watch an enemy gloat.

Dinner was scarcely over when callers were announced. They were old friends of the family, claiming the attention of Mr. and Mrs. Renwyck and Miss Schermerly, which left the four young people to their own devices. For this Richard thanked the visitors fervently and wandered with Miss Harriet across the lawn, where they seated themselves on a favorite bench and enjoyed a long and uninterrupted chat. Had Uncle Michael been present instead of sulking in his lonely bachelor home he might have had cause to exchange his frowns for chuckles, in view of the fact that a certain young scamp was assuredly making progress.

The progress was not of tremendous moment, after all, yet Richard forgot

"I don't care whether you lose your diamonds and plate or not."

the troublous harbor company and all else, indeed, besides the lady and himself. Miss Harriet in tugging at a rosebush had wounded her finger with a tiny thorn, and the Texan at once became far more solicitous than he would have been had he himself been gored by the horns of a fractious steer. He found it imperative to examine her hurt by the light of matches which Miss Harriet struck and held in her unwounded hand, and the physician, therefore, required a much longer time than he might have taken under more favorable circumstances. At length he was forced to admit reluctantly that neither was there any danger of lockjaw nor was he studying palmistry, yet as the last match went out he applied a remedy by pressing the afflicted member to his lips.

True, Miss Harriet had snatched her hand away, but she smiled in the darkness and was not half so displeased as she tried to make this impertinent nobleman think. Nor was the impertinent nobleman half so contrite as he might have been, for before they left their seat he had bent his head and kissed her hand again on a certain dimple which had taunted him for several days.

His heart was singing now, and the words he set to music were the words of advice by his eminent counsel, Michael Corrigan:

> If ever you hope to find your joy,
> You've got to brazen it out, my boy,
> For—

And here the heart's song ended abruptly, for Mr. Renwyck was calling them from the steps of the veranda.

"Croyland," he said laughingly as they came into the light, "if you and Harriet have finished your flirtation I'd like you to come into the library for a quiet smoke. There, Harriet," he chided, "you have had this young gentleman to yourself all day. You don't begrudge him to your hardworking father for an hour, do you? Kiss me and run along to your nest."

The Texan longed with all his soul to say the same, but was forced to part more formally, at the same time bidding good night to the rest of the little house party, after which he braced himself for an ordeal and followed Mr. Renwyck into the library, wondering what was coming.

CHAPTER XIV.

To the suspicious adventurer the first action of his host was most peculiar, for without explanation he closed and carefully locked the door. Richard's apprehensions were relieved, however, when Mr. Renwyck produced a decanter and cigars, lighted his own perfecto and then lay back in his deep leather chair and laughed till the tears ran down his face. The mystified Texan smoked on in polite silence, patiently waiting for some explanation of the old man's humor. He could wait quietly, since it was evident from Mr. Renwyck's exuberant joy that Richard had nothing personally to fear—that his secret was still his own. After a time his host wiped his eyes with his handkerchief and apologized for his merriment.

"Forgive me, Lord Croyland," he begged; "but, to tell you the truth, I just can't help it. Affairs in Texas are not only drifting my way, but the whole situation has become intensely humorous. Why, it is a regular play. Old Bill Williams represents tragedy, my company will shortly supply melodrama, while a third corporation has appeared on the stage and is furnishing both sides with comedy. Let me explain."

"Do so, I beg you," murmured Richard, striving not to look as uncomfortable as he always felt when this Texas business came up. The financier laughed again and proceeded:

"As I told you before, Bill Williams' company is working for a deep water harbor at Matagorda City, while my company is equally anxious to operate at Longmatt. Very well. Now, listen. I learned today that a new corporation was organized last month under the laws of the state of New Jersey which styles itself the Peace and Good Will Realty company. Think of it! The very name will kill it in its teething stage."

"Who are back of this corporation?" asked Richard, greatly interested in this new development.

"I don't know. They are probably so ashamed of themselves that their names are kept secret," laughed Mr. Renwyck.

"But I thought the incorporators"—

"Dummies, like my own company, only in this case all of them are real dummies in fact as well as in theory."

"I see."

"It develops that the promoters of this company, whoever they may be, have gone down to Texas and invested their capital in the state's largest and most generous product."

"And what is that?" asked Richard in some surprise.

"Hot air," returned Mr. Renwyck in a paroxysm of mirth. "It's cheap, but they seem to want it."

"I don't quite understand."

"I will enlighten you. They have a ministerial looking representative of the name of Fishcall, whose innocence can only be described as infantile. This precious old lamb called upon a firm of promoters, Hill & Eaton, who—in strict confidence—happen to be my agents, and asked their advice with regard to a location for a deep water harbor on the Texas gulf coast they intend to construct with the assistance of a hoped for legislative appropriation." Once more Mr. Renwyck was so overcome by amusement that he was forced to pause in his story. "Now, my company—I myself, you understand?" he began at length.

"Of course," said Richard, bowing.

—"has been saddled for a long time with an utterly worthless tract of land along the gulf—a miserable, sun baked little hole rejoicing in the name of Olivia, which lies midway between Matagorda City and Longmatt, by the way. Through Hill & Eaton we advised Brother Fishcall to buy this tract, which—bless my soul—he did at once and at our own price!"

The amused speculator glanced at Richard and, mistaking his gloom for a phlegmatic British lack of humor, went on:

"It seems also that thereafter the Peace and Good Will Realty company went to Bill Williams and asked his advice. The old skinflint also owned a lot of land around Olivia, which he promptly worked off on his confiding benefactors. Now, look here, Croyland, you don't seem to appreciate the joke."

"But, my dear sir," began Richard, forgetting his role for a moment, "Olivia isn't such a bad—er—I mean—er"—

"Such a bad sale for me, eh?" laughed Mr. Renwyck, unconsciously helping his guest out of a hole. "I should say not! Why, my boy, we've sold a white elephant!"

Richard thought swiftly. Olivia, as he was about to tell Mr. Renwyck, was not such a bad site for a deep water harbor after all, and in fact he had always contended with his father that it was more advantageously located for that purpose than Matagorda City. Not only was the situation more central, but it offered shorter and more direct communication with freight routes and main lines. True, the country was sparsely populated in its vicinity, but settlers would come naturally with the development of such an enterprise. Perhaps the Peace and Good Will Realty company's representative was not such an egregious ass as the Renwyck and Williams factions supposed.

"Has the new company, in your opinion, any chance of success?" he asked his host.

"Chance!" laughed Mr. Renwyck. "Not a ghost of it! Now, listen. Here comes the cream of the joke. The time for taking a vote on these deep water harbor bills in the Texas legislature had been set for two weeks from now, but various circumstances have played directly into my hands. Senator Frank Kinwait, president of the Texas state improvement committee of the legislature, was closeted with me for two hours this morning. He is now on his way to Austin, where my harbor bill will be passed by both houses immediately upon his arrival, and the legislature will at once adjourn."

"You—you mean," stammered Richard, "that you have bought Kinwait—that"—

"Tut, tut!" protested the crafty old schemer. "True, I bought the gentleman a lunch at Sherry's, together with a few cigars, a couple of cold bottles, and there were some incidental expenses which ran the price of the meal up—well, up into six figures, but beyond this"— Mr. Renwyck paused and smiled. "No one in this enlightened age would dream of buying an entire legislature, my dear boy. Horrible!"

Richard rose from his seat, took a turn up and down the library, then faced his exultant host.

"Mr. Renwyck," he asked, "aren't you losing sight of one important factor in the game? From what I have heard of him, Bill Williams is scarcely the man to be lying around in a hammock while you are putting through your deep water harbor bill. In my humble opinion, you are going to have a fight on your hands that will make you sit up and get busy."

This was the most un-English language which the supposed nobleman had yet employed, but it did not attract the notice or awaken the suspicion of Mr. Renwyck at that time, owing to his deep interest in the matter immediately in hand.

"Ah," he cried, "now you've laid your finger on a beauty spot! Of course Williams will fight me with tooth and nail; but, by the Lord Harry, he can't!"

"Why not?"

"Simply because he will not be in Texas when my bill is passed."

Richard stared at his host in fear and wonder, while Mr. Renwyck continued jubilantly:

"I could not have had matters turn out better if I had arranged it all myself. It seems that Williams' fool of a son was up here in New York last week and got himself badly smashed up in an automobile accident."

"What, you don't mean"—

"Yes, it's true," added the speculator quickly without noticing Richard's look of astonishment. "Michael showed me a greatly exaggerated newspaper account yesterday morning."

"Is he—er—mortally or dangerously hurt?" began Richard, who had in truth forgotten all about the condition of the real Croyland, and he now began to fear that the man who had assumed his name really might be more seriously injured than any of them had imagined. Richard was neither heartless nor indifferent; but, not suspecting Croyland's injuries were serious and being fully occupied with his own engrossing situation, he had not given the wounded earl a thought for days.

"No, no; badly, but not fatally, of course," answered Mr. Renwyck. "I sent around to the hospital to see if there was anything I could do for the boy. I'm sorry for him. I've got no grudge against him, except his foolishness in selecting such a father."

"I'm glad to hear it's no worse," murmured Richard, much relieved. "Go on, sir."

"It struck me at once that things might happen which would serve my interests when the father heard of the sad affair."

Richard glared at his host and ground his teeth in impotent rage at this exhibition of a heartlessness that would make capital for itself in a business scheme out of such an accident. "I'll steal his daughter now without a twinge of conscience!" Aloud he asked with as much control as his thumping heart admitted, "Well, what then?"

(Continued Next Sunday.)

Don't go out looking for Spring millinery until you have settled the holiday bills.

By Rail and Water

A strike involving electrical workers on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad is threatened because of a reduction in wages.

Rocky Mount Record: "The pay days for all the employes of Atlantic Coast Line at this place have been merged into one and that is the 18th of each month."

The Atlantic Coast Line laid off 70 men at the South Rocky Mount shops last Friday because of lack of work, according to the Rocky Mount Record, which says a total of 120 were laid off on this, the first division, for the same cause.

It is reported that the Canadian Pacific intends to proceed with the development of important coal areas in British Columbia and in the near future expects to be turning out a large enough amount of coal to supply all their locomotives in the West.

Rocky Mount Echo. "Mr. C. W. Eaton, a machinist at the A. C. L. shops at South Rocky Mount, died Monday at his home in Richmond, of pneumonia. A delegation of machinists from here went to Richmond Monday night to attend the funeral Tuesday."

The next meeting of the Southeastern Passenger Association wil be held in Chattanooga, Tenn., on Wednesday, April 15. Representatives of all the railway passenger departments will go to the Chattanooga meeting of the agents in the southeastern territory. Heretofore these meetings have been held in Atlanta, but the Gate City has been forsaken by the passenger men for Chattanooga, where future meetings will be held.

Willis S. King, vice president of the Jones & Laughlin Steel Company, is quoted as saying the company is increasing its operations gradually. Considerably more tonnage is coming in and appearances for the future continuance of increases are good. Mr. King says the publication of statements that the plants are resuming in full is not fair to the working people, who are misled by such assertions and suffer disappointment when applying for work.

A Chicago dispatch during the past week says: "A situation which may result in the strike of railway employes on the railroads in various parts of the country, has developed from the general movement on the part of the railroads to reduce wages of all classes of operatives. In every part of the country officials of the unions, comprising railroad employes, have been notified by the railroads that a general reduction of wages and a revision of working agreements must be made by March 1st. The unions are preparing to resist every attempt to reduce the present scale."

Salisbury Post: "The temporary suspension of operations at Whitney is disappointing to the friends of the company but not at all discouraging. Such a course becomes imperative until a certain and definite policy is inaugurated and set in motion by the receiver, Hon. John S. Henderson, a safe counsellor and wise business man. This great property does not go begging, if any one gets such an impression from the suspension, but time is merely taken to adjust matters that could not be disposed of in a day. The delay in operations, we feel sure, is not for long, a fact that compensates in a very great measure at the regret occasioned by conditions that advised the course taken."

Glasgow, Feb. 18.—If the year fulfills the promise of its opening month it will be easily the poorest ever experienced in the Scottish shipbuilding industry. Never since the Clyde became known as the leading shipbuilding district of the world has the output for January been so low as it has been this month. Even granting that trade is bad, says the writer in the "Herald," and has been drifting from bad to worse for months back, the fact that not one vessel of any size was launched can scarcely be explained by this alone. The element of coincidence has undoubtedly crept in, and it has come to pass, to some extent by mere luck, that of the limited number of steamers building in Clyde yards not one reached the launching stage in January.

BARTHOLDT SELECTED.

Chosen as American Candidate for Nobel Peace Prize.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The American group of the International Parliamentary union, composed of members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives, held a meeting at the capitol today and by unanimous vote Representative Bartholdt of St. Louis was selected as the candidate of the American group for the next Noble peace prize, attached to which is a cash award of $40,000. The nomination was in recognition of distinguished services rendered by Mr. Bartholdt in personally persuading the support of Great Britain and Germany to the arbitration clause, presented at the second Hague conference. Dr. Bartholdt represented the American group at that conference.

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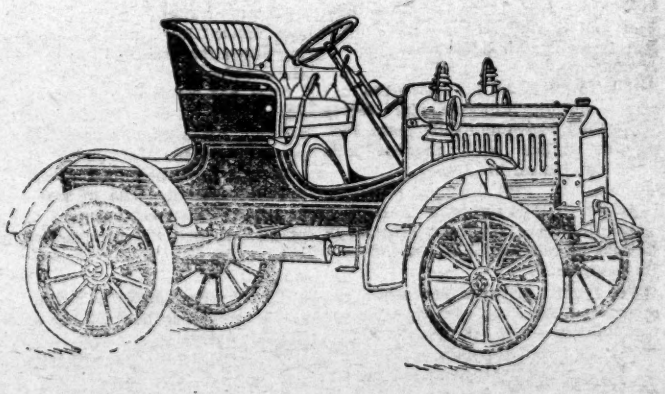

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LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Feb. 22.—Cotton: Spot quiet, prices one point higher American middling fair, 6.77; good middling, 6.41; middling, 6.15; low middling, 5.81; good ordinary, 5.39; ordinary, 4.89.

The sales of the day were 3,000 bales of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 2,800 American. Receipts, 19,0000 bales including 18,700 American.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet. American middling, G. O. C.: Closing prices; February, 5.73 1-2; February and March, 5.72 1-2; March and April, 5.73; April and May, 5.72; May and June, 5.71 1-2; June and July, 5.70; July and August, 5.66; August and September, 5.58; September and October, 5.48; October and November, 5.39 1-2; November and December, 5.38.

SENSIBLE MR. COX

High Point Man Would Not Accept Nomination for Governor.

(Greensboro Daily Record.)

The Concord Times says that the chairman of the Republican executive committee of Cabarrus county, has had a letter from J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, whose nomination for governor by a very large number of Republicans is urged. The Tribune says:

"Mr. Cox states in no uncertain terms that he will not be a candidate, that he will not allow his name to be put up for the race under no consideration. While he appreciates the sentiment of the people in regard to bringing him out as the most suitable man for the honor in his party, he will not allow his name to go before the people as a candidate and does not want it to be presented to the coming convention.

BOLD HORSE THIEF.

Steals Animal Which Was Hitched to a Post and Drives Off.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Salisbury, Feb. 21.—A very bold robbery was committed here tonight about 6:45 when the horse and buggy belonging to Dr. J. B. Council was stolen from the front of his house on Church street. The horse was hitched to a post. The thief unsnapped the hitching strap and was seen by a negro boy driving fast down Council towards Fulton street. The witness was unable to say whether the thief was black or white. The police are at present on the search but have no trace yet. The horse was a bay mare weighing about 900 or 1,000 pounds, 10 years old and in fine condition, a piece is cut out of the right ear. It was a rubbertired buggy.

FARMERS DISCUSS NEW ROAD.

Committee Appointed to Confer With Engineer.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Mooresville, Feb. 21.—A large crowd of about 100 farmers and business men assembled in the K. of P. Hall yesterday afternoon to discuss the new road and to appoint a committee of seven to confer and act with the civil engineer in laying out from here to the river. Considerable interest was shown in the selection of the committee, which was finally named, with Mr. James W. Brown as chairman. The road is to be put under immediate construction.

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HON. ASHLEY HORN

Addressed Letter to Voters of Anson County, Being Unable to Attend Celebration at Wadesboro Yesterday—Position.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 22,—In view of his not being able to be with the other gubernatorial candidates at Wadesboro today, Hon. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, addressed the following letter to the people of Anson county, giving his standing upon a number of public questions:

Mr. James A. Lockhart, Chairman, Wadesboro, N. C.

My Dear Sir:—I wish to express my appreciation of the invitation you so kindly extended me to be present at your celebration on the 22nd of February. I wish that my engagements would permit me the pleasure of mixing with your people, and shaking hands with them, even if I did not make a speech on the occasion. Speaking is not my specialty; I only claim to be a business man. Remembering however, some of the experiences of our party in the past when our Democratic candidates have joined in public discussions, and loving the welfare of my party above all other considerations, I am loath to participate in a discussion that might tend to array some Democrats against other Democrats. Of course if I am nominated, I shall take the stump against the nominee of the other party.

We are all pretty close together in our policies. To be sure, our creed is Democracy, as it is declared in our platforms, both State and National; to all of which I am loyal in every particular. I realize, however, that the people of my party at whose hands I am asking the nomination for Governor are entitled to know my position upon any and every issue that may confront us; and for that reason, I take pleasure in stating my views in respect to certain matters of interest in this State. I shall not refer to National issues, because with those the candidates for the office of Governor are not primarily concerned:

Farmers—My first desire, if elected, will be to do all that is in my power to promote the welfare of the farmers of this State. I have no hesitancy in declaring this in the very beginning of what I have to say. I am a farmer myself, and have been all my life. I have ever been interested in all that makes for the good of the agricultural interests of this whole State. It was my pleasure to have a hand in the establishment of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of North Carolina, and I rejoice in the work that it has been doing for the betterment of farming conditions. For a short time I have been a member of the Board directing the Department of Agriculture of the State, and it is my earnest desire to make not only this department, but every department of the State government more fruitful of good to that class of men who make up so large a percentage of our population. Heretofore this department has been burdened with the expenses of undertakings not pertaining entirely to agriculture, ad its efficiency thereby in a measure crippled; but with this impediment removed, I hope to see it make itself not only beneficial, but even indispensible to our farmers. It should be made a department strictly by and for the farmers.

Industrial Development—Since the settlement of the race question eight years ago, the State of North Carolina has made wonderful progress along lines of education and temperance. While keeping steadily in view these great purposes, I believe the time is now ripe for a forward movement in our business and industrial development. Realizing that I am not a politician, nor an orator, and that my shortcomings in this respect might be a disappointment to some of our citizens, I should, if elected to the office of Governor, give my best energies as a business man to promote the welfare of the State by upbuilding her industries, helping her laboring men, and developing her wonderful resources. I shall try to make up for my deficiencies as a speaker by earnest work.

Education—We must take no backward step in the matter of education, but must maintain, and as far as possible, advance our achievements in this direction.

Prohibition—I shall vote for prohibition in May, as I did in 1881. If the people ratify prohibition, and I am elected, I shall do my best to enforce the law.

Railroads—I rejoice that the railroad litigation is about settled, and that the people of the State may avoid the expense and vexation which the further progress of that litigation might entail. The new rate should be given a fair trial. If it proves sufficiently remunerative to enable the railroads to give good service, pay living wages, and a fair return on the true money value of the property (but nothing upon any watered stock), we may regard the matter as settled for some years to come. I am sure that the people of this State do not want rates so unprofitable as to force railroads to cheapen service, reduce wages, discharge employes, or stop improvements.

In making rates, three factors must be considered: The wages paid employes, the service due the public, and the profit due the owners. Of these the first is vital. The work of the railroad employe is arduous and dangerous. He must go regardless of time or weather. Every hour he is in jeopardy. No thoughtful man will deny that he is entitled to a fair living wage commensurate with his labor and the hazard of his employment. The public ought not to demand a rate so low that the workman must suffer, and no stockholder should expect a dividend until after the employes are paid fair wages. The public should be given good service, and granted every protection in the power of the railroads which will increase their comfort and prevent their injury such as the establishment and enforcement of the block system and double-tracking as early as business demands it.

The railroads, after paying their employes good wages and after paying the cost of maintaining and completing their extensive improvements, are justly entitled to a good profit on the real value of the property. I am opposed to any dividends on watered stock, and am in favor of the enactment of laws preventing the taxation of the people for the wrongful purpose of paying these dividends on such stock. I believe in the rigid control of railroads, and when so controlled, in treating them fairly. I have never owned railroad bonds or stock (except two shares in the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad Company, which I took for a debt from another merchant), and I have never ridden on a pass.

Freight Discrimination—The flagrant discrimination against North Carolina towns in the matter of freight rates must cease. However much we may have suffered from high rates, business has been injured tenfold more by unequal rates and discriminations against us in favor of Virginia cities. We demand equality with our sister States, and to obtain that equality and justice the whole legal power of the State must, if necessary, be put in motion.

Corporations—Corporations are necessities for modern business. They are powerful agencies for good when controlled by and kept within the law. I favor their firm control and regulation. So controlled, they should be treated fairly and justly, the same as an individual. I favor a law making political contributions by corporations illegal. They should avoid the very appearance of evil.

Trusts—The suppresion of competition is a crime. The man or corporation that suppresses competition and establishes a monopoly is a criminal, and should be treated as such. The Protective Tariff is the prolific mother of trusts, and State regulation cannot reach her. But State legislation can to some extent reach her progeny—these pirates of commerce; and every attempt to restrict competition in buying and selling should be made criminal.

Legal Proceedings—Legal proceedings should be made more expeditious and less expensive. When a docket is full of important matters, it seems a waste of time for a Superior Court to be trying a multitude of cases which could more appropriately be disposed of in a police court.

Pardons—Pardons should be granted whenever the innocence of the defendant is established after conviction; and upon failure of health, and for other cogent reasons they can be properly granted. But ordinarily a court and jury, with the defendant present and represented by counsel, and with the witnesses on both sides present, furnish the best tribunal for the trial and punishment of crime. Usually their decisions had best not be disturbed by the Executive.

Fraudulent State Bonds—If elected Governor, I shall with all the legal power of the State resist any attempt to collect the fraudulent special tax bonds issued by the Legislature of 1868.

The Penitentiary—The penitentiary should be self-sustaining. The present policy of making it contribute to the support of the State government is a wise one. Crime is expensive, and it is nothing but right that criminals should be made to contribute towards defraying the expenses they make necessary.

Public Charities—Our unfortunates,—insane, deaf, blind—must be treated liberally. If times become hard, and our resources lessened, economies and deprivations must fall upon those of us who are well and able to take care of ourselves. The unfortunate and defenseless must not be forgotten.

Confederate Soldier—Our State must do all possible for the comfort and cheer of those brave men who dared all perils for the welfare of this State from 1861 to 1865. I shall be glad to have an opportunity to do all that a Governor may to brighten the last years of my surviving comrades of those memorable days of hardship and privation. As increase of age augments their needs, our bounty must be liberal. We should not regard this expense as a tax or a burden? It is a proud privilege to minister to the comfort of these brave men.

Immigration—Immigration is to be desired, provided the immigrants are the right kind of people; but no immigrants should be sought from undesirable foreign sections. We have been sorely troubled already by one race problem; it would hardly be wise to import another. If our industries were more fully developed so as to furnish remunerative employment and opportunities for advancement at home, our young men would stay at home and build up this State, instead of going to the South and West. We would then hardly feel the need for foreign immigration.

In conclusion, let me again express my regret at my inability to be with you on the 22nd instant. I hope that I can get to Wadesboro before very long, and have the pleasure of becoming better acquainted with your people.

I trust that the Washington Birthday celebration will be a happy occasion, and that you will assure all who attend of my sincere regret at not being permitted to be with you.

With kind personal regards, I remain, Yours very sincerely,

(Signed) ASHLEY HORNE.

—Greensboro, Feb. 21.—Deputy Sheriff G. L. Baker, of Rowan county, came here Wednesday and took back with him Martin L. Newby, a colored lawyer, wanted in Salisbury on the charges of larceny and embezzlement. Newby is said to have obtained in a fraudulent manner $67,50 from another negro in Salisbury.

This Is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zelinski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had, with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 25c.

HE WAS AGAINST DANCING

Will Says Land Should be Forfeited if Owner Indulged in Dancing.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Lexington, Feb. 21.—Generally court records of every kind are extremely dull, but there is one set of books in the office of the clerk of the court of all counties which vary from all other records, and, although the most solemn in some respects, are very amusing in others. The records referred to are wills. The testator in many instances writes his own will and the way in which he decrees his property shall be handled after his death is not only often very obscure, but also furnishes the clerk of the court, or the person who happens to be looking over the will, many a hearty laugh.

In the office of the clerk of this county a few days since a couple came in and wanted to see a certain will which was probated about twenty years ago. The book in which the will had been recorded was brought forth and the clerk turned to the name designated and read what was spread upon the pages. One clause in the will read: "————————is to have no fiddling and dancing and card playing nor parties, if he does, he forfeits all his claim on the lands."

Now, it is said that the party upon whom this code of discipline was placed was of a somewhat jovial spirit and did have a few parties. From what can be learned a suit is to be instituted and the right to the property contested on the point that by reason of having the parties the right to the property was forfeited.

Took His Drink Under Cover.

"I saw an old fellow on one of the northbound trains the other night who wanted a drink and wanted it bad," said Mr. C. A. Davis, chairman of the board of commissioners of Davidson county, "and he not only wanted the drink but he took it, not openly, but under cover, in the fullest sense of the word."

The chairman chuckled as he thought of the amusing affair, and continued: "The old man—and I say old man for he appeared to be well along in life—seemed very restless and presently stretched himself out as best he could on the seat, and, pulling his overcoat up over his shoulders, looked very much like a wearied traveler getting ready to take a nap. He had been looking around so though that I did not take my eyes off of him right off, and this was the funny part of the affair. Slowly he slipped a bottle from his pocket and, raising his elbow so as to give leeway to turn the bottle took his dram. With the same easy movement he got the bottle back into his pocket. For a few minutes he remained inclinded upon the seat and then, apparently being of the belief that he had made those around him think he had taken a quiet nap of a few minutes, raised up and comfortably leaned back in his seat. I was sitting so that I had an especially good view of him and doubt if any of the other passengers saw him take that sly drink."

NEW AGENT FOR SPENCER

Mr. Charles S. Burgess Succeeds Mr. Duncan as Southern Agent.

(Raleigh News and Observer.)

Salisbury, Feb. 22.—Mr. Charles S. Burgess, who for some time has been chief clerk to superintendent of Terminals Massum, at Spencer, has been appointed agent for the Southern at Spencer to succeed Mr. J. W. Duncan, who has been transferred to South Carolina, and Mr. C. S. Dorsett, who has been chief clerk in the yard office succeeds Mr. Burgess.

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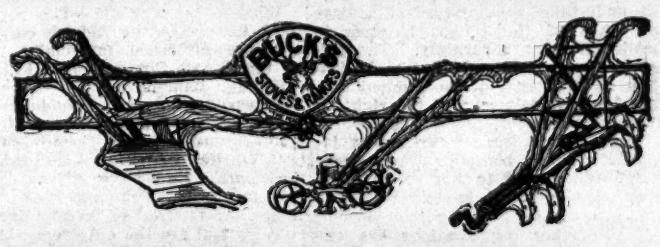

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A NEW PARTY FOR MR. HEARST

Steps Are Taken For Formation of a New National Organization.

HEARST MAKES A SPEECH

Platform Adopted—It Advocates an Income Tax, Public Ownership Organized Labor, Revision of the Tariff, Etc.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Steps for the formation of a new national political party were taken at a conference of the Independence League today. The action followed a short speech by William Randolph Hearst, enunciating the principles of the League and the adoption of a "declaration of principles," setting forth the objects of the organization and the means by which it hopes to attain them. The provisional national committee of which Mr. Hearst is chairman was authorized by resolution to call a National convention to nominate candidates for the presidency and vice presidency after the Republican and Democratic parties have held their gatherings in Chicago and Denver respectively.

The platform was reported by Clarence J. Shearn, of New York, chairman of the committee appointed in September, 1907, to formulate the document.

"The objects of the Independence League are to conserve for the citizens of the United States the rights of the liberties won for them by the founders of this government," says the platform, "and to perpetuate the principles and policies upon which the Nation's greatness has been built. The League is devoted to the preservation of American liberty, to honesty in elections, to opportunity in business, to equality before the law."

The declaration directs nominations of all candidates, popular elections of United States Senators and Judges, and legislation prohibiting the use of money at elections except for meetings, literature and the necessary traveling expenses of candidates.

An income tax is advocated as is public ownership of all public utilities, when Municipal, State and National governments are in a position to undertake this. The immediate purchase of the telegraph lines is made an issue separately. The referendum is endorsed, over-capitalization of industries is condemned and the League declares that the right to issue money is inherent in the government and that further "necessary issues should be made by the government and loaned to the banks upon securities approved by the secretary of the treasury.

Union labor organizations are endorsed when they tend to bring about a "just distribution of wealth" and laws for an eight hour work day.

The enforced use of safety appliances in industrial undertakings and the right of trial by jury in contempt cases are favored.

As to railroads the League demanded Federal and State inspection for the promotion of safety, the abolition of rebates, the procuring of cheaper rates and the securing of the right to shippers to appeal to courts in case the roads fail to furnish and move freight cars. A court to review and enforce the orders of the Inter-State Commerce Commission is suggested.

A revision of the tariff by a gradual reduction of schedules, postal savings banks, Federal aid for good roads, National incorporation laws and a strong navy are advocated. A ship subsidy for the development of commerce and the extension of the reserve naval force is endorsed.

The document ends with an approval of the project to complete a ship canal from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes and of the irrigation programme now contemplated by the government.

MADE SHORT WORK OF SULLIVAN

Stanley Ketchel Knocked Twin Out in Little Over a Minute.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—Stanley Ketchel, a middle weight of Grand Rapids, Mich., today made short work of Mike (Twin) Sullivan in their scheduled 25-round fight. The end came after one minute and 1-8 second fighting in the first round, Sullivan scarcely having time to set before he was sent against the ropes.

After fighting half a minute or so, Ketchel shot a straight left to Sullivan's jaw and the Boston man went to the floor. He came up in five seconds, only to be floored again by a left flush to the chin. He took the count of nine and came up dazed, Ketchel then flung his right over the heart with tremendous power and Sullivan sank to the floor completely out Ketchel was a 2 to 1 favorite in the betting.

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ATTEMPTED TRAIN ROBERY

Rail Removed to Wreck Passenger Train Carrying Large Sum of Money But Special Freight Came First.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Sedalia, Mo., Feb. 22.—An attempt to derail an eastbound fast passenger train on the Missouri Pacific Railroad evidently for the purpose of robbery was made at Otterville, 25 miles east of here last night, a rail having been removed. The bad place in the track was struck by an extra freight train from St. Louis. The freight was wrecked, the engineer, fireman and brakeman being seriously injured.

The train that the wreckers evidently sought to catch left Kansas City at 9:10 last night from St. Louis. It was known as No. 4 and was supposed to carry considerable money. The wreckers had removed a rail on what is known as Otterville Hill, a mile and a half east of Otterville, and built a fire between the tracks, to bring the passenger train to a standstill. The freight crew failed to notice the fire until close upon it and too late to stop and the engine and seven cars were derailed and badly demolished. Three members of the crew, the engineer, fireman and head brakeman, were seriously injured.

The injured men were brought to the Missouri Pacific, Missouri, Kansas & Texas hospital at Sedalia for treatment.

No one was permitted to see the men and it was impossible to learn their exact condition or to get a story from them. It is known, however, they were seriously injured. Missouri Pacific officials here say that they have no clue to the would-be robbers.

On almost the exact spot where last night's attempt was made to rob the train on the top of Otterville Hill, the famous Jesse James and Younger gang of robbers on the night of July 8, 1876, held up a Missouri Pacific train and secured $17,000.

As some of the gang covered the passengers with their guns, others fired volley after volley of shots through the train to intimidate the passengers and crew, Jesse James swung aboard the express car, while the Youngers held the engineer and fireman submissive. The terrified express messenger unlocked his strong boxes and gave up the $17,000. No one was injured. The robbers escaped and none of the money was ever recovered.

RAILROAD BONDS.

Senate Committee On Finance Discusses That Feature of Aldrich Bill.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

Washington, Feb. 22.—The railroad bond feature of the Aldrich currency bill was discussed informally today by the Senate Committee on Finance.

Senator Daniels announced that he was working on an amendment intended to broaden the scope of the bond feature so as to permit the use of securities of certain railroads in the South. Under the bill as it was reported from the committee the Louisville and Nashville and the Illinois Central are the only roads in the South whose securities may be used as a basis for emergency circulation, as these roads are the only ones that have met the requirements in regard to the payment of interest on all classes of bonds.

The committee is not in favor of limiting the railroad securities to those of lines on which the physical valuation has been determined by the Inter-State Commerce Commission for the reason that such restriction would require years of work to gain the necessary information.

An amendment to the bill has been adopted providing that the bonds of railroads which regularly make reports to the commission under the provision of the recent railroad act shall be the only railroad securities that may be accepted by the treasury as a basis for circulation. The committee generally believes this provision sufficient to safe guard the stability of national bank notes issued upon bonds other than those issued by authority of the Federal, State, County and Municipal governments.

EDITOR'S FUNERAL SATURDAY.

Remains of Crosby S. Noyes Are on Way Across Continent.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Feb. 22.—The funeral of the late Crosby S. Noyes, editor of the Washington Evening Star, who died yesterday in Pasadena, Cal., will occur in this city probably Saturday next. The body, accompanied by The Bishop Satterlee was a native of will leave Pasadena Sunday, arriving here Thursday afternoon. For the present Thomas C. Noyes, another son, his wife, and Mrs. George W. Boyd, a daughter, will remain in Pasadena with Mrs. Crosby Noyes, who, though improved in health, is not equal to the journey across the continent.

SHAW IS TENNIS CHAMPION.

Defeated Percy D. Haughton Three Out of Five Games.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

Boston, Mass., Feb. 22.—Quincy A. Shaw, Jr., of the Boston Tennis and Racquet Club this afternoon won the national amateur racquet championship by defeating Percy D. Haughton of the same club, three games out of five in the final round. The scores were 9-15; 15-7; 15-3; 11-15; 15-5.

This is the third time Shaw has won the national championship, his other victories being in 1899 and 1901. Haughton was champion in 1906.

William J. Bryan last night spoke at a banquet at Topeka, Kan., attended by 1,200 banquetters and watched by hundreds of spectators including women. Mr. Bryan denied that hostile State legislation was the cause of depressed conditions in railroad circles. The conditions were due more to misrepresentations which the railroad managers presented when they began to intimidate legislators.

JIM CROW CARS IN WASHINGTON

Mr. Heflin of Alabama Says They Would Settle Race Question.

LIVELY DEBATE IN HOUSE

Mr. Campbell of Kansas Says He Worships With Negroes and Sends His Children to a Mixed School—Amendment.

(By Wire to the Morning Star)

Washington, Feb. 22.—The race question unexpectedly came to the surface in the House of Representatives today when Mr. Heflin, of Alabama, offered an amendment to the District of Columbia street railway trackage bill providing for 'Jim Crow" cars.

Mr. Heflin declared that separate coaches for the whites and blacks had solved the race problem in Alabama and he expressed the opinion that such an arrangement would solve it in Washington.

Mr. Foster, of Vermont, voiced his protest against the amendment. and said that it was regrettable that on the birthday of George Washington "such an un-American proposition" should be advanced.

"Does my friend believe Washington himself would vote for this amendment if he was here?" inquired Mr. Griggs, Georgia, amid laughter.

"Emphatically no," responded Mr. Foster.

The amendment was bitterly fought by Mr. Madden, Illinois, who asserted that Congress should never legislate in favor of one element against another. He was twitted by Mr. Griggs who inquired of him if he remembered "the shot gun quarantine established by Governor Tanner against negroes."

Mr. Madden responded that he never conceded the right of the governor to act as he did.

By this time a number of Southern members were vainly seeking recognition.

"Which race does the amendment discriminate against?" inquired Mr. Humphreys, of Mississippi, who got the chairman's eye.

"I don't concede the right of the gentleman to ask such a question," Mr. Madden replied at which the Democrats derisively laughed.

Mr. Humphreys insisted that the amendment provided equal but separate sections.

He provoked Democratic laughter and applause when he said, pointing to the members galleries, that although the Republicans were friends of the negroes he could not see any members of the African race in those galleries.

"Has the gentleman ever issued any cards to the members galleries to a nigger?" asked Mr. Griggs, insistently.

"Yes sir," Mr. Madden responded, "and I will be glad to do so again."

Mr. Campbell, of Kansas, defended the negroes of Washington and said he never noticed anything offensive on their part on street cars.

"Nothing disturbs your equanimity except small children", remarked Mr. Clayton, of Alabama.

Mr. Campbell said he would regard it as an evil day when Congress would create a class distinction.

A voice was heard to say that the Republicans were after negro votes. This inflamed Mr. Campbell who declared it to be a "shame to the gentleman from Alabama and his party that there are thousands of colored men in the South who have no vote." Laughter was brought down upon him when after stating that Kansas guaranteed the rights and privileges of every citizen, Mr. Bartlett, of Georgia, read a newspaper dispatch stating that Booker Washington had been denied hotel accommodations at Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. Campbell took the matter very seriously and declared that if the dispatch was true and Washington had the time to give to an action in the courts the hotel keeper would be the defendant in an action for damages," and, "he added amid shouts of laughter, "the probabilities are the hotel man was a Democrat from Alabama or Georgia.

"Does the gentleman believe in white and black children going to the same school," Mr. Heflin demanded.

Mr. Campbell answered by saying that his children attended a mixed school in Pittsburg, his home town.

"Would you worship with a nigger," Mr. Heflin also asked.

The reply of Mr. Campbell was that only last Sunday he had done so.

Pursuing his inquiries, Mr. Heflin asked Mr. Campbell if he believed in inter-marriages between the races.

"No sir," shouted Mr. Campbell in stentorian tones, and he said there was a vest difference between social equality and political equality. "I would not permit my daughter to marry any colored man?" was the query of Mr. Beall, of Texas.

Raising his voice to a high pitch Mr. Campbell exclaimed "No sir," but I would permit that colored man to exercise his right under the constitution."

Mr. Clark, of Florida, regretted that the matter had been given a political aspect. It was, he said, an economic question as to what was best for both races.

The claims of the Southern people that separate accommodation did not mean unequal accommodations, Mr. Olcott, New York, said to be untrue. He insisted that the accommodations for negroes were not equal to those given the whites.

The House was thrown in an uproar when Mr. Simms, of Tennessee, after urging the members to get back on the railway bill said: "Lets thresh the nigger question out later even if we have to thresh each other out."

The treatment of the negro by the people of the South was condemned by Mr. Driscoll, New York, who said the Southern members had gotten so bold they had come into the National House of Representatives with an amendment for "Jim Crow" cars. He charged some of the Democrats with dodging the question and said he would like a yea and nay vote so as to put them on record.

Mr. Burleson, of Texas, on the other hand asserted that if a secret vote could be had there would not be five votes against the amendment.

Debate on the subject was brought to a close by Mr. Smith, of Michigan, declaring that the amendment if adopted would drive the street railways into bankruptcy.

The amendment was defeated 140 to 59.

Children Annoyed Mr. Campbell.

For a time the House indulged in fun at the expense of Mr. Campbell. Mr. Currier, New York ,had called up a resolution providing for the appointment of a police force for the new House office building and referred to the necessity for the number of men recommended on account of the visits to the building of "hoboes, drunks and thugs." When he turned to Mr. Campbell and asked him "to relate his experiences of last Sunday," Mr. Campbell bashfully stood up amid shrieks of laughter.

"I confess," said he facetiously, "to violating some of the commandants by going to my office and working on Sunday."

Mr. Campbell stated that last Sunday while at work in the office building a lot of children skated through the corridor, entered his room, pulled over his books and papers and inquired who he was and if he was clerk to a Senator or Member. He said that they skated out of his room and after a while returned, but soon left again. He finally said he was compelled to lock his door.

The House took no formal notice of Washington's birthday anniversary, but it formed the subject of Chaplain Couden's prayer.

In the Senate.

In the presence of many Senators on both sides of the chamber and a large gathering in the galleries Senator Portor J. McCumber of North Dakota, read the Farewell Address of Washington. Immediately after the Senate had been called to order and the chaplain, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, had opened the proceedings with prayer, Vice President Fairbanks invited Mr. McCumber to the reading desk where he read the famous address, receiving close attention from both Senators and visitors.

The Indian appropriation bill which was reported to the Senate carries $9,820, an increase of $1,610,123 over the total appropriations made by the bill as it was passed by the House.

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